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erusalem will be the capital: Arafat asks US and Israel to respond to peace initiative

Palestinians proclaim an independent state

ALGIERS, Nov 15, (Agencies): Hailing a new dawn, PLO chief Yasser Arafat proclaimed an independent Palestinian state today and Palestinian leaders moved closer than ever to accepting Israel's right to exist.

In a triumphant climax to three days of heated debate, the Palestinian exile parliament Palestine National Council erupted in applause when Arafat announced the birth of a new state at 1.42 am (0042 GMT).

"The Palestine National Council, in the name of God, and in the name of the Palestinian Arab people, proclaims the establishment of the state of Palestine on our Palestinian land, with Jerusalem as its capital," Arafat told the ecstatic audience.

The PNC yesterday voted 253-6, with ten abstentions to endorse UN Security Council resolution 242, which implies recognition of Israel.

Insistence

In Jerusalem, an Israeli foreign Ministry source said that by coupling 242 with insistence on self-determination the UN had emptied the UN solution of meaning.

"We don't think the outcome of the PNC will bring us any closer to peace," said spokesman Jon Lieb.

Israel has also refused to discuss peace on the basis of UN

Resolution 181, which endorsed a 1947 partition plan for Palestine.

The Palestinian independence declaration rooted its claim to international legitimacy in the resolution, rejected by the Arabs 40 years ago.

The state of Palestine ... announces itself to be a peace-loving state, in adherence to the principles of co-existence," Arafat told hundreds of cheering delegates and guests at a seafood complex west of Algiers.

Arafat, wearing green fatigues and black-and-white headress, said the new state aspired to democracy and rejected the "threat or use of force, violence and terrorism ... against the territorial integrity of other states."

Hints

The PNC did not define the borders of the nascent Palestinian state but threaded through its political programme were hints that these should correspond roughly to the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, captured by Israel in 1967.

But the PNC called for Israel to withdraw to its 1967 pre-war borders and urged the United Nations to take temporary supervision of the occupied territories until the Palestinians could achieve effective sovereignty.

Arafat today challenged the United States and Israel to respond to the new Middle East

peace initiative launched by the PNC.

At a packed news conference hours after he had triumphantly proclaimed an independent Palestinian state Arafat said: "It is true this PNC session was the session on the intifada (the Arab uprising against Israeli rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip), but it could be the session of peace if the Americans and Israelis want it ... we feel the ball is now in the American court."

Pursue

"The PNC has given me a mandate to pursue a political settlement and secure for our people their rights to self-determination and statehood," Arafat said.

"Our political statement contains moderation, flexibility and realism, which the West has been urging us to show ... we are ready to negotiate peace at an international conference."

He said should this new peace opening be rebuffed then "only God knows the outcome."

"We are not begging for peace," he said. "We are seeking peace on an equal footing with all other parties."

In a more threatening tone, he added: "Let it also be clear I can always come back to our PNC and declare that moderation does not pay."

Arafat's new role as caretaker President of Palestine now brings him into a glare of publicity as the world watches to see who will

receive him as head of state.

The PLO leader, a restless traveller, already plans to visit the United Nations in New York in late November or early December to address the General Assembly.

On this occasion, deliberately echoing his dramatic appearance there in 1974, where he said he brought a gun and an olive branch, he will seek to enhance the PLO's status in the international community.

Under resolutions passed by the PNC, the PLO executive committee, of which Arafat is chairman, has the powers of a provisional government until the government is formed.

PLO officials say forming the government is linked with progress towards an international conference on Middle East peace.

Bowed

George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) voted against the new strategy. But Habash bowed to the will of the majority, saying, PLO unity was above other considerations.

Previously, the PFLP and other groups have pulled out of the PLO executive committee when they disagreed with Arafat's gradual concessions to the idea of co-existing with Israel. This time they stayed.

"This has never happened before. It's a new sign of maturity in the Palestinian movement."



Arafat makes the victory sign after declaring independence. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arab and Islamic countries back PLO move

Kuwait recognises new state

KUWAIT, Nov 15, (Agencies): Kuwait and several other countries today recognised the independent Palestinian state declared by the Palestine leadership in Algiers earlier in the day.

A Kuwait Foreign Ministry statement said the recognition stemmed from Kuwait's "absolute faith and firm and principled commitment to the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian Arab people."

Kuwait is a prominent financial supporter of the PLO. "Kuwait announces its recognition of this Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, hoping it will realise the hopes and ambitions of the Palestinian people," the statement said.

The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a spokesman for the Revolutionary Command Council as saying: "Iraq supports the establishment of the independent Palestinian state on the Palestinian soil with Al Quds (Jerusalem) as its capital."

A Saudi Arabian statement broadcast by Riyadh Radio declared "Saudi Arabia's complete support for this step, and fully recognises the new-born state."

"Saudi Arabia welcomes the PNC resolution and believes that this step will bolster international legitimacy and the resolutions of Arab summit conferences," the statement said.

Iraq vowed to campaign on behalf of the PNC decision "in its bilateral and Arab relations."

The United Arab Emirates announced its recognition and backing of the independent Palestinian state.

An official statement issued by UAE Foreign Ministry this evening, said that UAE will not spare efforts in supporting the Palestine National Council's decision.

Jordanian Prime Minister Zaid Al Rifai said today that Jordan officially recognised the floor to announce his country's recognition.

Algeria wishes the state of Palestine the greatest of vic-

PLO in its efforts to gain the Palestinian people's national rights.

Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said Ankara recognised the Palestinian state.

Ozal said: "We support the Palestine National Council's decision which we see as a result of a realistic and constructive approach of the Palestine Liberation Organisation."

Libya and Syria condemned the move because it was coupled with the PLO's acceptance of the UN Security Council's Resolution 242 that implicitly recognises Israel.

The Arab press quoted Libyan leader Moammar Khaddafi as saying any recognition of Israel, whether implicit or explicit, would undermine the Arabs' struggle for survival.

Struggle

Syria's official newspaper Al Baath said "defeatist trends" must be eliminated because struggle against Israel was the only means of liberating occupied Arab lands.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak affirmed unwavering support for the Palestinians but said Cairo needed time to study the PNC resolutions carefully.

The Arab League welcomed the declaration of independence as a turning point to the Palestinian struggle for the right of self-determination.

Iran withheld recognition, saying the "foundations of the state-to-be" were "unsound and undurable."

Reaction in Europe was more

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Arabs in occupied areas celebrate despite threats

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank, Nov 15 (Agencies): The Army sealed off the occupied territories today to squelch celebration of Palestinian independence. Israel denounced the declaration of statehood as "double talk."

Palestinian teenagers ignored threats of jail and fines for celebrating the declaration of independence, taking to the streets to set off firecrackers, launch balloons, unfurl outlawed national flags and sing the anthem "My homeland, my homeland."

In Gaza city, Palestinians played at full volume recordings of the anthem and of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's speech in Algiers early today announcing the declaration of independence.

"Tyres were set alight in the city, including one in front of the Israeli-owned Bank Leumi."

Curfew

In the West Bank city of Bethlehem, under curfew orders for the first time since 1967, dozens of teenagers ran through the streets singing and setting off fireworks.

Soldiers in jeeps drove through the West Bank ordering Palestinians to return to their homes. "Everybody who goes out will endanger his life," one soldier announced over a loudspeaker in Bethlehem.

The Army sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring Palestinians entering Israel and banning reporters from going into the occupied lands without Army escort.

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Grand Bingo

BOTH the Four Corners and Top Line prizes have been won. Alphonso J. Fernandes has won the Four Corners and Proto J.A.J. D'Souza the Top Line. They will receive KD25 each. Game No. 67 continues for the three Full House prizes.

Saddam urges Iran to take a peace decision

BAGHDAD, Nov 15, (Reuters): President Saddam Hussein said yesterday that Iraq could reach a peace agreement with Iran in 10 days if Tehran showed the right spirit.

"We can establish peace in 10 days and each country will gain its rights if the will exists to do so," Saddam said on Baghdad television.

"We advise them (the Iranians) to take a peace decision. Then we can reach an understanding in a few sessions and everything is over."

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India may introduce ID cards for voters

By Fathima Ahmed

THE Indian government plans to introduce identity cards for voters for the 1989 general elections, an Indian minister told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

The next general elections are due in December 1989. But the Indian media has speculated snap polls may be held.

Dasmuni ruled out the possibility of snap polls. "There is no way we (Congress I) will call a snap poll," he asserts.

Challenge

Though the elections are a long way off both the ruling party and opposition are trying to spruce up their image.

Rajiv's party faces a major challenge, particularly after the Bofors scandal and is pushing for grass roots reform — decentralisation, an implementation of panchayat raj, at the village level.

The prime minister is reportedly taking a personal interest in reaching out to the people and is expected to go on a nation-wide tour after his visit to China.

Foreign observers to monitor elections

From Ashraf Shad
In Islamabad

THE general election for the National Assembly to be held today will be monitored by some international agencies, the chief election commissioner of Pakistan told the Arab Times in an exclusive interview.

Justice S.A. Nusrat said the American National Institute of International Affairs, which is based in Washington and headed by former US Vice-President Walter Mondale, has sent a team of 22 observers to watch the election.

"Nobody at that time complained about it, though all the political parties were indirectly participating in the non-party polls," he said.

Problems

He asserted that ID cards have been issued to 92 per cent of voters.

On holding the elections he said: "I don't see any problems now and I am very happy with the situation."

There will be 33,330 polling stations with 1,13,000 polling

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Result hard to predict

Pakistanis go to polls

ISLAMABAD, Nov 15, (Reuters): Pakistanis choose a new government tomorrow after an election campaign dominated by the still divisive legacy of executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

For only the third time in the Muslim nation's 41-year history, the battle for the National Assembly has been fought openly by political parties.

The result is hard to predict, in the absence of reliable opinion polls of the 48-million-strong electorate.

Oppose

But most independent political analysts expect a fairly close result between Benazir's Pakistan People's Party and a wide-ranging electoral alliance formed to oppose it.

Gorbachev to meet Reagan and Bush

MOSCOW, Nov 15. (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev announced today he would visit Cuba, the United Nations in New York and Britain next month on a tour which he said would aim to strengthen world security.

Gorbachev disclosed his plans for the journey, during which he will meet US President Reagan and President-elect George Bush, at a Communist Party meeting in the central Russian city of Oryol.

Proper

"There is much work to be done and we intend to continue acting in close co-operation with socialist countries and with all peoples to put international relations on a proper footing and strengthen world security," he said.

Reagan confirmed that Gorbachev will meet him and Bush for "a brief get-together."

"That's not going to be anything in the nature of a summit meeting," Reagan said.

The 57-year-old Kremlin chief, both state President and Communist Party General-Secretary, gave no dates for his tour but he is expected to leave Moscow around Dec 6 and return on Dec 14.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told a news briefing Gorbachev would make

"an important speech" to the UN General Assembly and said he would see Reagan and Bush while in New York.

"Such a meeting would fit well into the picture of continuing the Soviet-American dialogue which we believe should go ahead without any artificial pause," Gerasimov said.

He indicated disarmament would be high on the Kremlin chief's agenda for any encounter with Bush, who takes over the presidency on Jan 20, as well as with British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Thatcher announced yesterday that Gorbachev would be in Britain from Dec 12 to 14 for an official visit. Gerasimov confirmed London would be the last stop on the tour, his longest abroad since he came to power in March 1985.

In meeting Thatcher and Bush, Gorbachev will be facing critics who argue his "perestroika" reform programme has not gone far enough, reducing Soviet military power and in democratising his country.

In Havana, he will certainly encounter disapproval of his "new thinking" foreign policy of co-operation with the West in solving regional conflicts and withdrawal of unconditional support for left-wing revolutionaries across the world.

Moscow plans manned flights

Soviet shuttle makes successful maiden flight

MOSCOW, Nov 15. (Reuters): The Soviet space shuttle Buran completed a successful first flight today with two orbits around the earth and Tass news agency said the next step would be the launch of a manned shuttle.

The pilotless white spaceship used a parachute and air brakes to aid its touchdown at 0625 GMT, three hours and 25 minutes after blastoff on the back of the Energia booster rocket from the Baikonur space centre in central Asia.

Its voyage launched the Soviet Union into an area of space exploration until now dominated by the United States, despite the January 1986 disaster when the shuttle Challenger exploded on takeoff, killing its crew.

Snowstorms

Moscow is building several shuttles and has a team of spacemen ready to travel on Buran — Russian for snow-storm.

Soviet officials said previously they would make two uncrewed missions with Buran before putting cosmonauts aboard. But today Tass did not mention a second test and said the next phase would be manned flights.

"The spacecraft is only being tested in this automatic mode — as a next step, it will be manned by crews of two or four cosmonauts, who will take over some of the chores involved in the control

of different systems and assemblies," Tass said.

Besides a crew of two to four people, Buran has room for six passengers, Tass said.

The cabin crew room is nearly 70 cubic metres, providing more space for the cosmonauts than some Soviet families have in their apartments. Buran is 36 metres (118 feet) long, with a wing span of 24 metres (79 feet).

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev called Buran's flight "a major success for Soviet science and technology" in a statement issued from the city of Oryol, where he was attending a meeting on the country's food shortages.

"This is one more confirmation that the Soviet Union has vast possibilities for performing any tasks," he said, according to Tass.

A first launch attempt on Oct 29 was halted less than a minute before takeoff when a support platform failed to swing clear.

Tass said a computer had made the decision to stop the countdown with only 51 seconds left.

Buran's flight was continuously monitored by specialists at centres in the Crimea and the Far East, and on four Soviet research ships around the world.

When it landed on the 4.5 km-long (2.7-mile) concrete runway, its speed was between 310 and 340 km (186 to 204 miles) an hour.

The official media were quick to point out that although the Soviet shuttle looked much like the American version, there were essential differences.

The American craft is launched with the help of two solid-fuel boosters and its own liquid-fuel propulsion unit, Tass said.

The propulsion system of Buran is not ignited at launch. It fires when the shuttle is already at an altitude of 160 km (96 miles) and accelerates it to orbital speed.

The possibility of automatic control in the new spacecraft was another difference and would allow Soviet cosmonauts to spend more time on scientific experiments, Tass said.

The Soviet Union plans two to four missions a year with its shuttles, with functions including retrieving used satellites from orbit.

Tass said there were also plans to dock Buran with the orbiting space station Mir in the future.



A view of the launching of rocket space transport system Energia consisting of a new powerful booster rocket and an orbital reusable spacecraft Buran. (Reuters wirephoto)

Total liquidation

MOSCOW, Nov 15. (Reuters): A Moscow researcher, criticising Soviet military tacticians for conservation and Stalin-era thinking, has suggested East and West work towards a total liquidation of their tank forces in Europe.

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booths, manned by a 500,000-member polling staff. The polls will cost Pakistan \$15 million.

Most of the results will be announced the same night between 9.30 pm and 2am. Pakistan TV will broadcast the election results continuously for 24 hours.

About 48 million people will vote today to elect 215 members for the National Assembly. Election in two constituencies has been postponed due to the death of candidates.

Out of a total of 1207 candidates, 609 are participating in the elections on the ticket of seven political parties or alliances. There are 598 independent candidates.

On the eve of the elections, acting President Ghulam Ishaq Khan assured the nation of free and fair polls and promised to deal sternly with anyone who disputed the results by force. He also promised to transfer power in accordance with the constitutional provisions.

The government would not allow any unfounded allegations of rigging or any attempt to change the people's verdict by "show of strength on the streets," he said in a televised speech today.

Stronger

"This cannot happen. No one should entertain any illusion of being stronger than the state," he said.

Ishaq Khan, who took office in August on the death in a plane crash of military ruler Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, said the Muslim nation had paid a heavy price for past mistakes.

"It is imperative we make a fresh start," he said. "We will have to learn from our past failings."

The elections, the first fought by parties for 11 years, are being held amid widespread hopes that Pakistan can enter a new democratic era after Zia's 11-year rule.

"A lot of people are saying this is a chance we must not miss," Western ambassador commented. "Democracy is the only chance for progress."

Arabs in occupied areas...

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stoned and drove from the area with smashed windows. Smoke from burning tyres rose from the camp, and sounds could be heard from the rubber bullets fired by Israeli soldiers for riot control.

Israel Radio said the Army blocked Jewish settlers from driving through the Arab town of Hebron waving Israel's blue-and-white flag.

Israeli jets flew constant mock raids over refugee camps in Lebanon today forcing Palestinian guerrillas to abandon plans to celebrate the declaration.

Hundreds of guerrillas, hand-dishing automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenade launchers, deployed to vehicle-mounted anti-aircraft guns guarding the Ain Al Hilweh and Miyeh Miyeh camps.

Witnesses said the Israeli aircraft were met by heavy anti-aircraft machinegun fire from guerrilla positions in nearby hills.

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Meanwhile, Iranian Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, architect of Tehran's policy of restoring relations with other countries, said yesterday he wants to improve relations with the Gulf Arab states. Tehran's state-run television reported.

"Our present policy is to develop our relations to the utmost with the southern Gulf states," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying in the broadcast.

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Girl hit by 20 cars as she tried to save dying father

PARIS, Nov 15. (Reuters): A 12-year-old girl was run over by at least 20 cars when she tried to wave down drivers to save her dying father after a French motorway accident, police said today.

Police said Gaëlle Gombert was killed as she and her sisters, aged six and three, desperately tried to find help for their father, badly injured when his car crashed. None of the cars stopped after running over Gaëlle.

The accident took place on a slip road of the A4 motorway, at Quincy-Voisins, southeast of Paris, on Sunday evening.

A police spokesman said a 30-year-old woman gave herself up to police yesterday after details of the accident were broadcast on television, saying she thought she was responsible for knocking Gaëlle down.

Damaged

The woman's hired BMW car was badly damaged and covered with blood, the spokesman added. Police sources quoted her as saying she had not stopped because her own child was in the back of the car.

The three girls were thrown out of their father's car when it turned over on the slip-road. Gaëlle dragged her father out and set off with her sisters to find help. The two girls stood helpless as their sister was killed.

The father died later in hospital. Police said the woman faced charges of involuntary manslaughter, failure to stop after an accident and refusing to help people in distress.

Cuba, Angola and South Africa near troops settlement

has sought to hammer out timetables for the exchange.

An American official said US mediator Chester Crocker would meet separately delegates from Havana, Luanda and Pretoria. A joint meeting was possible later.

"Progress is still being made. We still believe a deal can be done in Geneva, but it has not been done yet," he said.

South Africa's chief negotiator, Neil van Herden, said it was conceivable that delegates would leave with a settlement draft that could be put to the governments involved and signed before Christmas.

The negotiators in Geneva are not authorised to sign final agreement.

Crucial

Cuban and Angolan officials remained in their suites at the Geneva hotel where talks have been underway since Friday, but members of both delegations told reporters yesterday that

Kuwait recognises new state

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The United States said it was studying the Palestinian parliament's endorsement yesterday of UN Resolution 242.

The State Department had no immediate comment on the PLO leadership's majority vote for 242.

A department spokesman said there would be no comment until Washington had studied the resolution's text.

The chairman of the Higher Islamic Authority and the Mufti of Jerusalem Sheik Saadudin Al Alami said the Palestinian uprising will continue under the slogan "victory or martyrdom."

He added "peace cannot be achieved until the Israelis withdraw from the occupied Arab territories."

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Disease

The findings were presented yesterday at the 61st scientific sessions of the American Heart Association.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death among American women. Each year about 250,000 women die from coronary heart disease while another 200,000 die from heart failure.

"This work clearly indicates women need to become more active," Ekelund said. "Even if a woman doesn't want to jog, swim or ride a bicycle, she can increase her fitness level significantly by walking three or more times a week."

Contrast

"Being fat is more of a problem for females than males because less than 20 per cent of females in the United States report regular physical activity in contrast to 33 to 35 per cent in males."

The 10-year study followed 2,802 healthy women who were selected at random and given medical examinations at 10 clinics nationwide.

In the tests, the women were asked to walk on a treadmill while their heart rates were measured, Ekelund said.

Exercise may reduce heart attack: study

WASHINGTON, Nov 15. (UPI): Women who do not exercise are three times more likely to die prematurely of a heart attack than women in a fitness programme, and more than 80 per cent of American women go without regular exercise, a study says.

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Arms shoppers browse near a mannequin holding a Chinese-made shoulder launched missile at the opening day of arms fair in Beijing. (Reuter radiophoto)

China shows off arms for sale

BEIJING, Nov 15, (AP): China, in search of new buyers since the Iran-Iraq cease-fire cut off one of its most lucrative arms markets, opened an international exhibition of its arsenal today complete with scale models and videos of the weapons in action.

The China Precision Machinery Import and Export Corp, one of the country's largest arms makers, said it was putting six new missiles on the market during the four-day Asian Defence Technology Exposition, or Asiadex '88.

They included several medium-range coastal defence missiles intended to replace the Silkworm, which vice president Shen Rengui said used outdated technology and was being phased out.

The Silkworm became China's most famous missile when Iran used one in October 1987 to attack a Kuwaiti oil tanker flying the American flag. China denied selling Silkworms to Iran and said it did not know where Iran bought them.

But Western experts said the new missiles and other weapons shown at Asiadex were already being promoted to potential buyers, and the show contained no surprises.

UN vote bars attack on nuclear plants

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 15, (Reuter): Israel, which destroyed an Iraqi nuclear plant seven years ago, joined the United States in opposing a UN resolution yesterday reaffirming a ban on armed attacks of any kind against such installations.

Ninety-nine members of the General Assembly's main political committee supported the resolution, which termed such attacks tantamount to biological warfare since they could release dangerous radioactive waste.

The Tammuz nuclear research centre near Baghdad was bombed by Israeli aircraft on June 7, 1981. The Israeli authorities said they feared Iraq would use the installation, which had not gone online, to develop its own atomic weapon.

The Israeli delegate in the UN committee said Israel maintained its opposition to attacks on nuclear plants devoted to peaceful purposes. He said he voted against the resolution because of unwarranted references to Israel.

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Threat of war with India increases

Pakistan 'develops nuclear arms'

WASHINGTON, Nov 15, (AP): Pakistan appears to have finally developed atomic weapons, increasing the threat of a nuclear war with India and representing a major setback to efforts to stem the spread of atomic weapons around the globe, says a study published today.

"After a decade of slow advances, Pakistan appears to have joined a group of three other nations that have nuclear weapons but don't admit it, according to the review by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

The other countries in that category are Israel, India and South Africa, said the report, the fourth such survey published by the non-profit group that specialises in national security

studies.

Five nations have said they possess nuclear weapons: the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Great Britain and France. A sixth, India, exploded a single atomic device in 1974 but it was a non-military explosion.

Efforts

Efforts to halt the spread of nuclear weapons generally have focused on the minimum use of enriched uranium.

Two years ago, President Ronald Reagan certified to Congress that Pakistan did not possess nuclear weapons, a certification required by Capitol Hill before the US aid programme could go ahead. But in recent months, US officials have been less direct in asserting that the Pakistanis

don't have atomic weapons.

Meanwhile, India has responded by quietly expanding its atomic weapons capability and has also worked on development of delivery systems, including medium-range rockets, the report said. India has the ingredients to build 20 to 50 atomic weapons, it said.

For the future, sceptic said, "most observers are looking for some sort of mechanism, some kind of regional arrangement, to bring India and Pakistan into negotiations. The concept is to find a way to persuade both antagonists to restrain themselves. It will be difficult, but it may be achievable."

The report also highlighted increasing dangers in the volatile Mideast, particularly in light of

the spread of long-range missiles and chemical weapons among Arab enemies of Israel.

Israel has refused to admit to possessing nuclear weapons, but the report said the Israelis have "a substantial, undeclared nuclear arsenal at least 50 to 60 nuclear devices — and perhaps significantly more — some of which are an advanced design."

Latin America

The risk of nuclear escalation in a future Mideast war has "seriously increased," the study said, because of the improved capabilities of Arab nations to inflict damage through missiles and chemical weapons.

"Indeed, in 1988, Israeli leaders began implicitly referring to this possibility by declaring that Israel would have the ability

to retaliate against an anti-city missile or chemical attack 'many times over,'" it said.

In Latin America, the report said, a nuclear monitoring agreement between Argentina and Brazil should be the "top non-proliferation priority for the coming year."

That is because Brazil announced last year that it had mastered the process of enriching uranium and had begun a pilot programme at a plant that was not subject to international safeguards. Argentina had a similar capability at least five years ago, the report noted.

While both nations have pledged not to produce weapons-grade uranium, those pledges need to be enshrined in formal policy, the study said.

168 UN staff arrested or abducted in one year

UNITED NATIONS, Nov 15, (Reuter): A total of 168 UN staff in 10 countries were arrested or abducted in the past year. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said today.

According to the UN Staff Union, Israel's crackdown on the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip resulted in the largest number of such incidents, involving employees of the UN relief agency there.

Some other UN staff were detained in Lebanon or Syria by the Syrian Army or unknown elements, the statement said.

It mentioned a further 20 UN officials missing, detained, imprisoned or being kept against their will in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, China and Kenya.

Appeal

A petition signed by more than 4,000 staff members and given to Perez de Cuellar appealed to member states to honour their obligations to international civil servants.

Addressing the General Assembly's administrative and budgetary committee, the Secretary-General spoke of incidents in 16 countries between July 1, 1987 and last June 30.

"This state of affairs causes me even greater concern at this time when the United Nations is called upon to assume important responsibilities in various parts of the globe for the maintenance of international peace and security," he said.

Among the 168 new cases, Perez de Cuellar mentioned that of Lieutenant Colonel William Higgins, an American Marine on UN peacekeeping duty who was abducted in Lebanon last February.



Ceausescu

various solutions may be envisaged for the participation in an international conference, including the participation in a joint Arab delegation. But, notwithstanding all this, the PLO should be present — and should assume the responsibility for the settlement of the Palestinian issue, he said.

Alternatives

Ceausescu added this calls for an international conference attended by the concerned countries — the PLO included — and naturally by Israel, as well as by the Security Council permanent members. "In our opinion, the organisation of this conference, under the UN aegis, is now the only way to a just solution to Middle East issues. We were and are for such a conference and we have done our best along this line."

The changes that have occurred and especially the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories have led to an enhanced PLO role and — no matter the reserves of various political circles and forces in Israel — the PLO is the only proper negotiator for the settlement of the Palestinian issue.

Campaign of strikes continues

Sri Lankan Marxists kill 8

COLOMBO, Nov 15, (Reuter): A Sri Lankan Marxist rebel group killed eight people in the south and pursued a campaign of strikes and civil disobedience, military sources said today.

Gunned from the Marxist People's Liberation Front, shot dead a father and his two sons on Monday after dragging them from a house in Monaragala in the southeast.

Military reports said gunmen also killed five people from other villages.

Demonstration

Police blame the front, mainly made up of majority Sinhalese, for about 550 killings. Many victims have been supporters of the government and an Indian-Sri Lankan pact to end the island's five-year-old ethnic conflict.

Military officials in the south said front members continued to threaten workers to keep up a strike and civil disobedience

Christian Science Monitor editor quits

BOSTON, Nov 15, (Reuter): The editor of the Christian Science Monitor and her two top aides resigned yesterday to protest against plans by the Christian Science Church to cut the size and staff of the money-losing 80-year-old newspaper.

The increased diversion of church funds from the Monitor to other media and decision to townsize the paper and drastically cut its staff means the serious weakening of its editorial stance," Katherine Fanning, a Pulitzer prize winner and former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, said in a prepared statement.

Fanning is only one of three women in the United States to edit a major newspaper. The other two are Jane Amsterdam of the New York Post and Janet Chusmir of the Miami Herald.

The directors of the Christian Science Church, which owns the paper, will reveal their plans for the 180,000-circulation monitor today.

Aspokeswoman said the plans include staff cuts and a reduction of the tabloid's size to 16 pages a day from about 24. The newspaper, which circulates world-wide, is known for its serious reporting especially from foreign capitals.

Fanning told the Monitor staff that she, managing editor David Anable and assistant managing editor David Windner had resigned after the deadline for the today's edition had passed.

Richard Nenneman, general manager for the Christian Science Publishing Society's print publications, was named Monitor editor-in-chief, while former chief editorial writer Richard Catani was named editor.

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Palestinians dance in the streets



Jubilant Palestinians celebrate in the streets.

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE declaration of an independent Palestinian state evoked a jubilant response from a large number of Palestinians living in Kuwait.

After hearing the PLO announcement, local Palestinians decorated their cars and homes and danced in the streets. "If this dream turns into reality, and I hope it will, I would not hesitate to relocate to the beloved land of my ancestors — Palestine," said a woman who has lived in Kuwait for the past 20 years.

But another Palestinian's happiness was tempered with a note of caution. Although he said he fully supports the decision, he expressed serious doubts about the independent state becoming

a reality. In Hawalli, people danced in the streets holding Palestinian flags. At the PLO office in Hawalli, the dancers wore traditional Palestinian attire.

Mohamed Jaber, director of the PLO office in Kuwait, described the Palestine National Council's (PNC) declaration as the most important achievement of the 12-month Palestinian uprising.

He said he hopes a Palestinian government-in-exile will be formed in the near future.

The PNC demand for international protection for the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation may be followed by an international peace conference where the PLO will be treated as a full participant in the talks. Jaber said.

Jaber predicted that Israel will resort to more oppressive policies and commit even more atrocities against Palestinians in the occupied lands in a bid to foil the establishment of the Palestinian state.

He did not rule out a decision by Israel to impose mass deportation of Palestinians from their lands.

Murder suspect arrested

THE killer of an Eritrean woman at Ardhiya area was arrested by Hawalli detectives, the Interior Ministry's Public Relations Department reported.

The suspect, identified as Mohammed A of Sudanese nationality, is accused of killing the victim identified as Fatimah early this month.

The suspect admitted that he stabbed the victim with a knife. He also showed police the place where the murder weapon was hidden.

The suspect and the weapon have been referred to authorities for further investigation.

Boy trapped in lift dies

A TRAGIC accident involving three young children resulted in the death of a 3-year-old boy at an apartment complex in Farwaniya, according to Seyassah.

Residents at one of the building complexes in Farwaniya were alarmed by the screaming of children who were trapped inside the building elevator.

The three children, one girl and two boys, remained trapped for some time until firemen forced the elevator door open.

According to fire officials, the accident was due to negligence, improper technical maintenance of the elevator and cracks in the wall. These were the findings of two technical experts who investigated the accident, fire officials said.

The daily reported that the mother of one of the children had gone from her first floor flat to visit neighbours upstairs. The woman took her 3-year-old child with her. While having coffee with the neighbour, she heard her son screaming along with the other children. She rushed outside to find them trapped in the elevator and tried to save them but her efforts failed.

Trapped

The 3-year-old was found trapped between the elevator door and the steps. One child's hand was trapped in the elevator door and the other's foot was trapped.

The three-year-old died at the hospital. The other two children are undergoing treatment.

Real estate prices drop

PRICES of real estate for housing purposes dropped sharply in the local market during the last two weeks, according to a local daily, according to Al Seyassah.

This is attributed to the Investment Authority's offer to sell the real estate of deals referred to the Settlement Establishment for collection of their outstanding bills.

The authority has purchased all the real estate of these dealers. These properties are being offered for sale through the Kuwait Finance House and a number of local real estate companies.



Major General Yusuf Bader Al Khorafi distributing certificates to graduates of the sixth training course for police officers at the Officers Training Institute at Police College yesterday.

Austria willing to sell arms to GCC states

VIENNA, Nov 15. (KUNA): Austrian Defence Minister Robert Lichner announced on Tuesday his country's readiness to supply Austrian arms to Gulf Co-operation Council states and advance their military defensive capabilities.

Policy

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, Lichner, who arrived in Oman yesterday on an official five-day visit, said providing those countries with arms to defend themselves falls in line with Austria's non-aligned policy and serves peace and stability in the region.

His talks with Omani officials, will centre on ways of improving bilateral relations in all fields and continuation of a dialogue he started with the Omani defence minister earlier this year.

regarding banning the sale of arms to Iraq and Iran who are still considered in a state of war.

He elaborated that Austrian law prohibits the export of arms to warring countries or regions.

The Austrian minister expressed belief that opportunities exist for military co-operation with the GCC states particularly in the fields of arms manufacturing, pointing to the advanced military technology in his country.

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Bahrain Digest

Bahrain considers privatisation

BRITAIN could help Bahrain to pursue its policy on privatising some state-owned companies according to Isa Borshaid, Finance Minister's undersecretary.

Bahrain recently announced that some of the state-owned industries may be transferred to the private sector.

Borshaid said that Bahrain would look at denationalisation around the world. He stated that the British government's example of selling off state-owned companies like British Gas, British Telecom and British Airways may help shape Bahrain's policy of privatising state-owned industries on a limited scale.

According to the undersecretary the Bahraini government will carry out a detailed study after having examined the issue for two years.

He said the government feels that the economy is mature enough for certain state holdings to be privatised and that such a move may generate extra resources.

By leaving industry with the private sector the government can concentrate on other industries such as health, social services and education.

Borshaid said that the new policy would apply only to small and medium-sized companies.

Arab Children's Day fair

BAHRAIN celebrated 'Arab Children's Day' at the Sulmoniya garden with a colourful fair on Tuesday.

The event was also part of the island's celebrations of the 'International Children's Day' sponsored by the UN worldwide.

The fair was organised by the Children's Section of the General Organisation for Youth and Sports (GOYS). Sheikh Isa Bin Rashid Al Khalifa, president of GOYS, attended the fair along with other dignitaries, including members of the diplomatic corps.

Various organisations in the island participated in the fair, including the Ministries of Education, Health and Transport. Among the items displayed and sold at the fair included handicrafts, paintings, clothes (including T-shirts depicting 'Arab Child's Day'), food and toys. School children in most cases were in charge of supervising the stalls and selling the goods.

Children of all age groups featured in various shows of the event, including a traditional Bahraini wedding and folk dancing.

Boy scouts and girl guides from various schools on the island also took part in the celebrations.

The highlights of the fair were songs and dances performed by groups of school children, depicting the struggle and liberation of Palestine. A little girl recited a poem on Palestine and received a standing ovation.

All the proceeds from the fair will be donated to Palestinian children.



In the presence of the Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of Interior delegates the drawing for a new Peugeot took place at Peugeot's Shuaikh Showroom. The winner of Peugeot 505 Turbo was Suleiman Hatem Sadek who had number 2538. A contingency number of 00747 was drawn belonging to Mohamad Ismail Amin Ali.

Indian art show opens

By Fathima Ahmed

"GOOD art is not the monopoly of any region or period; there are no superior or inferior cultures. When things are judged without prejudice and in the right perspective, one can learn a lot," says Kuwaiti artist Jafar Israh, who introduced the Indian contemporary figurative art show at the Kuwait National Museum.

The show was opened yesterday by Hamad Yusuf Al Roumi, assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Information.

One can learn a lot from the exhibition: Indian artists are evolving their own indigenous style, imbibing folk art tradition and breaking away from the set mold of miniatures. As a result, their figurative paintings seem innocent but distinctly evocative, even complex.

2,000 crimes committed yearly by juveniles

AN average of 2,000 crimes are committed each year by 2,650 juvenile defendants, Lieut. Col. Mohammed Al Saad, director of the juvenile division at the Criminal Intelligence Department (CID) was quoted as saying in Al Rai Al Aam.

The official said that rapid developments in the country during the last few decades have contributed to several social problems including juvenile delinquency. A law governing juvenile delinquents was enacted in 1983, he added.

Al Saad called on parents to pay more attention to their children. He said that parents should foster sound educational values, watch their children's behaviour and help them solve their problems.

He said that 93 per cent of the juvenile delinquents are boys. He attributed this to the prevailing values and traditions that give more freedom to boys.

He said that juvenile crimes ranged from driving without a licence to taking drugs and robbery.

The health survey covered 3,600 families.

"Real poverty is the poverty of spirit," says Israh. Indian artists are rich in spirit and vividly imaginative. Their art is contemplative yet complacent. Herein lies its beauty, an ability to look objectively at the surroundings without being affected by the tragedy, capturing ordinary people in ordinary surroundings and seeing beauty in the mundane — like in Ajay Kumar's "Palm Reader" and Arpita Singh's "Faces in the Crowd"; Swapna Karmakar's "Boy with a Goat"; Arpita Singh's "Pyramid" or Arpana Caur's "So What" both making telling statements about women.

As Jafar Israh rightly says, "Indian art celebrates life and reflects gratitude." One may add, they reflect colourfully.

But as Arpita Singh, one of the best figurative artists in India, says: "Bright colours don't always mean happiness".

Three sentenced on drug charges

THE Criminal Court sentenced three men on charges of attempted smuggling and trading in narcotics.

The defendants were sentenced to prison terms ranging from seven to 15 years to be followed by deportation, and a customs fine of KD55,000.

The court was told that the Jahra area investigation forces seized 94 kilograms of hashish hidden in a special compartment of a truck. The truck arrived in Kuwait with a full load of sheep.

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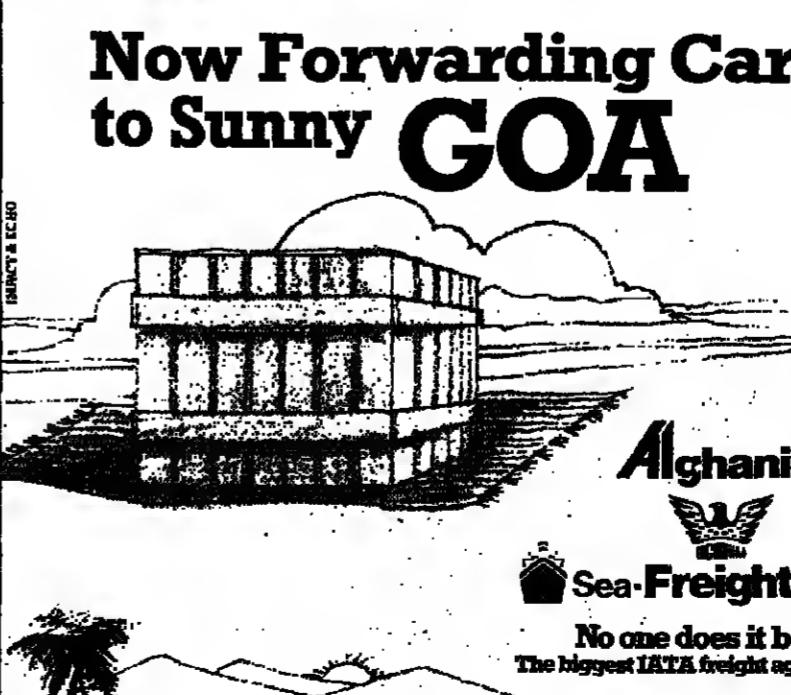
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7.00 News Summary
7.20 Focus on Art
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12.00 News Summary
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

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11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/ Holy Quran/ Closedown

VIDEO CORNER

Sneeze, and there goes Seattle

By Gail Seery

AS regular readers will know, film cliches irritate me — therefore the first thing I noticed about "Roxanne" was Steve Martin halfwalking, half dancing from his house. However, within five minutes I was willing to forgive him almost anything, up to and including resorting to cliched methods of character development.

CD,

played by Steve Martin, has just such a nose. The film opens with him walking down a path one day. Two men are coming the other way, and immediately make fun of his nose. He promptly has a fencing-type fight, using a tennis racket, and effectively disposes of them. "Nice game," he calls as he walks away, leaving them both unconscious on the ground. "We must do it again some time!"

I had not seen Steve Martin in action before, though his

reputation is growing fast. At this point I was conceding that what I had already seen was funny, but was also wondering whether the film, so clearly built on the size of CD's nose, would be able to sustain the humour for another couple of hours. I needn't have worried — it does, and if anything gets funnier and funnier.

It's one of those films which are very much based on the comicality of the lead character. For that reason, if Steve Martin is not your cup of tea, don't even think about watching this film. On the other hand, the man is very funny indeed, and you wouldn't be missing something if you didn't watch it from start to finish.

CD heads the local fire station — but our first view of his domain sees the station garage container on fire. "I have a dream," he tells his "banana brother" firemen. "I would like the people of this community, whenever there is a fire, to feel that calling the fire brigade would be a wise thing to do. You can't have people, when their house is burning down, saying, whatever you do, don't call the fire brigade."

His work is cut out for him,

as the fire station is staffed by half-witted, keystone cop-type incompetents, who regularly get thrashed by CD if they are silly enough to mention anything about his nose.

The film makes quite a lot of mileage out of that nose, particularly in one scene, where Martin gets the chance to use his stand-up comic ability. A drunk in a club calls him "big nose," and CD retaliates, "what a waste of an opportunity — all you can think of is big nose". He goes on to think of 20 something better lines, "You know, you could de-emphasise your nose if you wore something bigger — like Wyoming," and "laugh and the world laughs with you, sneeze, and there goes Seattle. Having humiliated his assailant with words he then knocks him out with a few deft gestures.

The real story line revolves around Roxanne, a pretty blonde astronomer. CD falls for her, but she is interested in Chris, a fireman working for CD, and asks CD to tell him of her interest. Chris is very good looking in a macho sort of way, but is a bubble brain. This important fact has completely escaped Roxanne, because she

saw him buying a Jean Paul Sartre book, without realising it was for someone else who, was too embarrassed to ask for it himself.

Chris is terrified, and doesn't want to speak to her. However, neither does he want to let the opportunity pass, and he talks CD first into writing a letter to her, and then, in a ridiculous scene when he and Roxanne finally make an arrangement to meet, is in radio contact with him through earphones concealed in a silly red turtleneck hat. This results in romantic lines like, "there is a heart here that wants yours to know...there's a possible 502 on main, proceed to main."

That he succeeds in seducing Roxanne is entirely down to CD. She falls in love with the eloquent and literary Chris, not realising that this is really her friend CD at work.

This really is a very funny film that I wholeheartedly recommend to anyone. Steve Martin plays his role, with astonishing versatility and wit. The whole film pays great attention to comic detail, and has to be one of the best I've seen this year.

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By Shaun Seekins

STICKY FINGERS is an off-beat but highly enjoyable female buddy movie in a Desperately Seeking Suzan vein. Helen Slater (Supergirl) and Melanie Mayron play Hattie and Lolly, two scatty but talented musicians who do not even seem to be able to busk in the park without having their takings stolen. They also share a New York apartment that they don't want to leave — a looming prospect since they are flat broke and three months behind with the rent. They seem to be heading nowhere until one day their dope dealer Diane (Loretta Devine) railroads Lolly into looking after a bag for a couple of weeks. Unable to resist a look inside, Lolly discovers that it contains \$900,000 in cash. Panic strikes, she and Hattie try to return the bag but Diane has disappeared. But when the friends find a prospective new

tenant perusing their flat, they decide to take just the necessary rent money, swearing that they will pay for it all back "every cent plus interest."

Of course, once they start spending they can't stop. Their apartment is burgled and Hattie's violin and Lolly's cello are stolen, so they spend a fortune on new ones. Then they replace their stereo and, still depressed, go on a massive spending spree. They are blissfully unaware that they are being tailied by the mob, whose money it really is and with the police not far behind.

As a background to all of this, the girls have problems of the heart. Hattie thinks she is getting back with her husband, but sees him with another woman at a party. And Lolly's hopelessly dithering boyfriend is giving her the runaround

All the money — and loads of trouble

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition

OVER 100 contemporary paintings, representing the work of 30 Indian artists, are on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm. The exhibition has been organised by Boushahri.

CINEMA

Cine Club Diwanlya

NOV 16: Children of a Lesser God, featuring Oscar winner Marlee Matlin and William Hurt will be shown at 7 pm at the Cine Club, Beneid Al Qar, behind Indian Embassy.

British Council

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Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm.

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Thought for today

A MAN may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he cannot sit on it — Dean Ralph Inge, English writer (1860-1954).

OPINION

A right decision at the right time

HAD what PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat declared today been done 10 years ago, the position of the Palestinians would certainly be better now.

Nevertheless, it is definitely better to start late than not to start at all.

Those who followed the discussions of the Palestine National Council (PNC) during the past few days must have felt that despite their contradictions, all were in line with the present conditions prevailing in the world arena. More importantly there was no political "trading."

The resolutions of the PNC that Arafat succeeded in passing conform with the requirements of the big countries and those parts of the world who regrettably can bring justice or oppression to people looking for their freedom.

Previously, when Israel was speaking to the international community, to which it had easy access, it claimed that Arafat and his Palestinian people did not want peace. This, they said, was evident because they did not recognise the United Nations (UN) resolutions.

Israel further claimed that when they themselves sometimes rejected UN resolutions, this opposition never included rejections for peace.

Although such duplicity in policy is vicious, it is certainly supported by the Jews of the world.

In a direct way, Israel was using Arafat's rejection of UN Security Council resolutions and by describing him as a terrorist wanted the world to view "terrorism" as a Palestinian entity.

The PNC resolutions and Arafat's statements on terrorism came at the appropriate time — the whole world is ripe for it. The US is now talking about Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who is rejecting the proposal for an international peace conference.

The US press has started asking why the US should bear the burdens of Israel and why Israel should interfere in US internal affairs. They are now talking about the Zionist influence in the USA and why Israel made the US lose the huge arms deal with Saudi Arabia.

Arafat has succeeded in showing that he wants true peace and is against terrorism. He also convinced the PNC about what he believes to be true. Arafat also proved that his PNC is the assembly of the present times and that its "political adolescence and immaturity" had ended.

The Palestinians have proved their political maturity and are represented by all factions, left and right wing.

All sections of Palestinians are now certainly more aware of what is needed in the next stage. They have become more aware of how to deal with and address international political thinking, which was once unjust to them and which is the one best qualified to redress these injustices.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Sakharov speaks for dissidents

By Barry Schwedt

WASHINGTON, (AP): Andrei D. Sakharov, the stooped and aging "father" of the Soviet hydrogen bomb, brings to the nation's capital a dramatic reminder of the plight of dissidents in his country but also how their burden has been eased by President Mikhail Gorbachev.

At 67, the Nobel peace prize-winning physicist speaks for Soviet dissidents and sometimes for Gorbachev.

He is an outspoken supporter of perestroika, the attempt to reconstruct the ailing Soviet economy, but he has pleaded the case of dissidents and has questioned the power Gorbachev derives from dual control of the Communist Party and the government.

A head of state with such powers in a country that does not have a multiparty system is just insanity," Sakharov said at a press conference in Moscow before embarking on his first trip to the United States.

Requests

Sakharov stands as an ardent spokesman for political prisoners and other dissidents, listing those Gorbachev should free. The Soviet leader complies with Sakharov's requests, but the world's most celebrated human rights activist keeps pushing, complimenting and criticising.

A non-Jew, he is the symbol of Soviet Jews' clamouring to emigrate, and of Armenians and other ethnic groups, as well. Sakharov seeks to make the Soviet Union a kinder, gentler nation, and to expand political and religious freedom.

Sakharov both has praised Gorbachev's economic reconstruction programme, has stressed its success would ease security concerns. "The failures of perestroika," Sakharov said, "would make expansion a political necessity and the country would be extremely dangerous in terms of world balance."

He has lobbied for Gorbachev

Declaration of Independence

Palestinians on the threshold of new dawn

ALGIERS, (AP): Following are excerpts of the official English translation of the "Declaration of Independence" read in Arabic by Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday:

civilian inhabitants was achieved by organised terror. Those who remained, as a vestige subjugated in its homeland, were persecuted and forced to endure the destruction of their national life....

"The intifada has set siege to the mind of official Israel, which has for too long relied exclusively upon myth and terror to deny Palestinian existence altogether. Because the intifada and its revolutionary impulsive, the history of Palestine has therefore arrived at a decisive juncture....

"In pursuance of resolutions adopted by Arab summit conferences and relying on the authority bestowed by international legitimacy as embodied in the resolutions of 1947.

"And in exercise by the Arab Palestinian people of their right to self-determination, political independence and sovereignty over their territory.

Proclaim

"... The Palestine National Council, in the name of God, and in the name of the Arab Palestinian people, hereby proclaims the establishment of the State of Palestine on our Palestinian territory with Jerusalem as its capital.

"The State of Palestine is the state of Palestinians, wherever

they may be. The state is for them to enjoy in their collective natural and cultural identity, theirs to pursue in it a complete equality of rights. In it will be safeguarded their political and religious beliefs and their human dignity under a democratic parliamentary system, based on freedom of expression and multiple parties. The rights of the minorities will duly be respected by the majority, as minorities must abide by decisions of the majority. Governance will be based on principles of social justice, equality and non-discrimination in public rights of men or women, on the grounds of race, religion, colour or sex under the aegis of a constitution which ensures the rule of law and an independent judiciary.

Co-existence

"Thus shall these principles allow no departure from Palestine's age-old spiritual and civilizational heritage of tolerance and religious co-existence.

"The State of Palestine is an Arab state, an integral and indispensable part of the Arab nation, at one with that nation in heritage and civilization....

"The State of Palestine proclaims its commitment to the principles and purposes of the

United Nations, and to the universal declaration of human rights. It proclaims its commitment as well to the principles and policies of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat (right) and Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) leader George Habash raise their hands after Arafat's announcement in Algiers of an independent Palestinian state. (Reuters wirephoto)

United Nations here with declares that it believes in the settlement of regional and international disputes by peaceful means, in accordance with the UN charter and resolu-

tions.... Therefore, on this blessed day, Nov. 15, 1988, as we stand on the threshold of a new dawn... we humbly bow to the sacred spirits of our fallen martyrs..."



Pledge to continue struggle against Israel by political and military means

ALGIERS, (AP): In chequered headdress and green fatigues, Yasser Arafat has embodied Palestinian aspirations to an independent state for as long as most people can remember.

Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) since 1969, Arafat on Saturday pledged to continue the struggle against Israel by political and military means.

Arafat was speaking in Algiers at the opening of the Palestine National Council (PNC), the PLO's supreme body, called to set a new peace strategy for the Middle East and declare an independent Palestinian state.

Battles

Arafat announced the birth of the new state at 1:42 am (0042) Tuesday.

He appealed to US president-elect George Bush for a more enlightened American position on Middle East peace.

"We are not asking for the impossible... only for... the homeland we were expelled from," he said.

For more than 20 years Arafat has kept the Palestinian

Arafat embodies Palestinian aspirations

movement alive through scores of unequal battles against Israeli forces.

Short, balding and stubby, Arafat hardly cuts an heroic figure, but his presence sparks wild fervour from Palestinian audiences. A bachelor, he is "married to Palestine."

His priority has been to keep the PLO's freedom of action and he has won a role for the PLO in the highest councils out of proportion to its military strength.

"I have come bearing an olive branch and a freedom fighter's gun. Do not let the olive branch fall from my hand," he told the UN General Assembly in his historic speech in 1974.

Restrictions

Arafat was born in Cairo on Aug. 4, 1929, into a modest trading family. He studied engineering at Cairo University.

He and his comrades in the 1950s began to talk of an independent Palestinian resistance and set up the first Fatah guerrilla cell in 1959 in Kuwait,

where he had moved to escape restrictions imposed in Egypt.

The first political recognition came in 1963, when Algeria agreed to let Fatah open its first office abroad.

Another watershed was the start of guerrilla operations inside Israel in 1965. Arafat's leadership was acknowledged and in 1969 he became chairman of the PLO.

But power and popularity had their drawbacks. The PLO fell foul of Jordan's conservative leaders, and by July 1971 the commando presence in Jordan was smashed. The remnants of Arafat's forces trickled into Lebanon.

In 1974 he began a policy shift that eventually split the PLO in 1983.

Fatah's original programme called for a united Palestine in which Jews and Arabs would live together. From the mid-1970s Arafat accepted, and lobbied for, the alternative of a smaller state on territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war.

In 1975 — War breaks out in Lebanon between Palestinian guerrillas and Muslim leftist allies and rightwing Christian groups opposed to their presence in Lebanon. Syrian intervention in 1976 brings truce but Lebanon remains unstable.

1976 — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt visits occupied Jerusalem in dramatic peace bid. Other Arabs denounce him as a traitor.

1977 — President Carter signs Camp David accords, offering Palestinians in occupied territories limited autonomy.

1978 — Israel invades Lebanon to drive out Palestinian guerrillas threatening its northern border; besieges Beirut.

1979 — Egypt and Israel sign peace treaty under US sponsorship. Arab states boycott Egypt.

1980 — European Community in Venice declaration, says PLO must be associated with any Middle East peace negotiations.

June 1982 — Israel invades Lebanon to drive out Palestinian guerrillas threatening its northern border; besieges Beirut.

July 1983 — King Hussein of Jordan breaks legal and administrative ties with West Bank, forcing the PLO to step in with a political initiative to fill the void.

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The reading of the declaration by the PLO chief, wearing his traditional military fatigues and black-and-white chequered keffiyeh, was interrupted frequently by clapping and restrained cheering and high-pitched imitations from the women.

Spirits were high before the long-awaited session for the PNC, was to declare the existence of a state that once was and which they hoped would be again.

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JULIA TIPS

Laser treatment an alternative to hysterectomy

By Liz Hodgkinson

IT IS an operation that every woman dreads and it is one that the glamorous, but now 48-year-old Raquel Welch came close to last month.

Raquel faced a hysterectomy — the removal of her womb. But she was lucky. Instead of undergoing major surgery to remove that most feminine part of a woman, and having to deal with the psychological anguish the operation can cause, she took advantage of a revolutionary new laser technique.

The laser treatment, which successfully treats major problems of women going through the menopause while keeping the womb intact, is likely to halve the number of hysterectomies currently being carried out.

It will mean the commonest female operation now performed will no longer be necessary in as many as 50 per cent of cases.

Unlike a hysterectomy, which requires a stay of up to two weeks in hospital and at least six weeks convalescence afterwards, the laser treatment is a minor procedure.

Patients need only spend one night in hospital, and can be back to work within two days. There are no scars or unpleasant after effects.

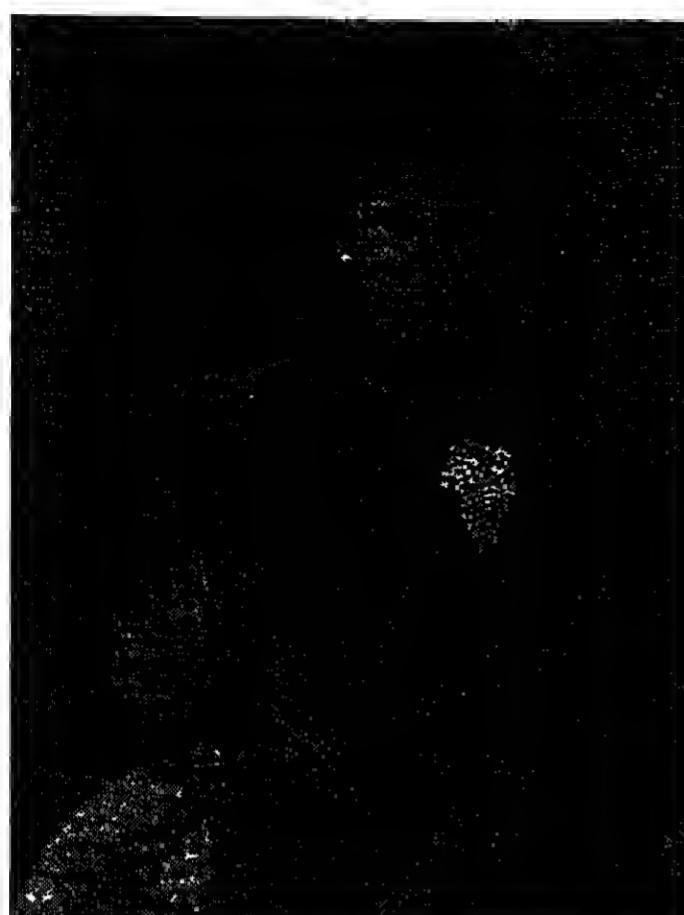
Raquel Welch is only the 13th woman in America to have had the operation, which cauterizes the lining of the womb and successfully treats benign tumours (fibroids).

Cysts

Developed in America by a Detroit-based doctor the technique also stops heavy loss of blood (one of the most distressing problems for women in this age group) and can clear up troublesome cysts.

It will bring on a kind of menopause, as with hysterectomy, and there will be no more periods afterwards, and no possibility of having a child.

The operation has become known as the rollerball procedure, as it involves attaching a laser ball to the end of a pen-like instrument.



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The device is heated to a temperature greater than that of the sun, and seals the lining of the womb. It is all done in an instant and does not harm any surrounding organs.

And you don't have to be rich or famous to benefit from the technique.

There are only two snags as yet. As the treatment is so new, only a handful of surgeons are skilled enough to perform the operation, and the laser machines themselves are very expensive, costing around £50,000 each.

Nevertheless, gynaecologists confidently expect that within a very few years, laser treatment will replace the great majority of hysterectomies. At the moment, the commonest reasons for doctors recommending

womb removal are heavy loss of blood (caused when the womb lining gets too thick) and fibroids which can grow inside the womb.

Gynaecologist Dr Christopher Sutton, of the Guildford Hospital, is already using the technique. He says: "The laser treatment won't replace all hysterectomies, but it could certainly cut the number currently performed by half."

"What happens is that we look inside the womb with a hysteroscope to make sure nothing is abnormal, and to rule out cancer. Then patients are asked to take hormone tablets to thin the lining of the womb before the operation is performed.

"A special laser is used. It is very suitable for women of

around 50 who otherwise would have had to have a hysterectomy.

"But," Dr Sutton added, "the technique is still very new and experimental."

This new operation is the latest in a long line of laser techniques which are reducing the ordeal of surgical procedures, general anaesthesia and lengthy recovery times.

Laser technology is already widely and successfully used for getting rid of abnormal cells in the cervix.

Dr Albert Singer, of the Royal Northern Hospital, London, now uses lasers extensively to treat precancers of the womb.

Author of the book Cervical Smear Test, he says: "As lasers produce such a fine beam, they can be used to accurately destroy tissue and also for cutting."

"Lasers destroy cells by vaporisation. The cells are heated so quickly that they simply evaporate."

Laser treatment for cervical pre-cancers is performed under local anaesthetic, and is supposed to be completely painless. It takes about 10 minutes, and is highly effective.

Lasers are also now being used to perform cone biopsies, where a cone-shaped area of the cervix, or neck of the womb, is removed. This is usually done when smears are persistently abnormal, and the doctor is afraid cells may be turning cancerous.

Over the next few years, laser surgery will be used to treat a wide variety of conditions.

Consultant surgeon John Carruth, Secretary of the International Society for Laser Surgery in Medicine, said: "Before long, medical lasers will replace many major operations."

The Raquel Welch operation has been researched for about five or six years and is very effective.

"When it becomes generally available, it will cut down the number of hysterectomies, but will save the health service vast amounts of money."

By Martin Ivens

IN THE fairy tale, Cinderella married her prince, abandoned her life of drudgery and lived happy ever after. Her real-life Filipina counterpart, Imelda Romualdez also married her prince, an aspiring politician called Ferdinand Marcos, and in time gained a "kingdom".

But Imelda did not live happily ever after.

Cinderella won her kingdom when her foot slipped into a glass slipper. Imelda Marcos, however, in the course of plundering the Philippines with her Prince Charming, President Marcos, acquired more than 3,000 pairs of slippers and shoes (size 8-1/2). By which time the people of Imelda's unfortunate country, seeing her turn from Cinderella to Iron Butterfly, decided enough was enough and threw the rapacious couple out.

But some stories go on and on. Imelda appeared on a chilly Halloween morning in a Manhattan courtroom last month pleading our guilty to embezzlement and racketeering charges under a wide-ranging American law originally designed to smash the Mafia.

The man responsible for her indictment is the formidable federal prosecutor Rudolph Giuliani, who has made his reputation thinning the ranks of Wall Street sharks and Sicilian hoodlums.

Hereinafter

Imelda clearly believes she is still the heroine. Whatever her vices, she has never been guilty of cowardice: she even invited the FBI to accompany her on the way to court from Hawaii in order to give the lie to "rumours that, once airborne and out of radar range, I might flee". It was just as well her offer was refused because, journalists acidly observed, the private plane lent to her by 75-year-old tobacco heiress Doris Duke seated only 19. The one-time Princess of the Philippines and a modest entourage of 18.

Mrs Marcos, now a portly 59, has been determined to show the world that, like Cleopatra, "age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety". To court, she wore a resplendent version of the Philippine national costume — a long blue dress with raised shoulders and a striking ruched low-cut bodice.

"Filipinos ask only one thing from life — beauty," said Imelda during the course of her husband's last, disastrous election campaign in 1986. One of her chief complaints against the new President of the Philippines, Cory Aquino, is that she "doesn't use make-up, she doesn't do her nails". This sums up her political philosophy. Indeed, she believes her own beauty makes her divine rather than an ordinary being. In an interview conducted last year in her luxurious Hawaiian retreat overlooking downtown Honolulu, Imelda declared: "Only because of that have we been



Once upon a time ... the Marcoses with President Ronald Reagan

able to cope with all the ugliness that has happened to us." But the former beauty queen seems to have trouble with separating beauty from ostentation.

Nor was Judge John Keenan impressed: he set Imelda's bail at \$5 million — paid, according to Imelda, by "a good American woman Samaritan". If convicted, she faces a maximum 50-year jail sentence. Ferdinand has been told to appear in court with her.

Extravagance

Imelda's problem is that she never knew when to stop. Her extravagance and greed were the driving force behind what appears to be the most ruthless and systematic looting of a nation's wealth ever.

With her husband she is said to have salted away \$3 billion in Swiss bank deposits during his corrupt 20-year rule. Other plundered assets include jewellery, art works and property which, on some estimates, take the Marcoses' ill-gotten gains up to \$30 billion (£18,000,000,000).

Like Al Capone, it is the small stuff that has brought Imelda to justice. Petty embezzlement, carried out almost as if by habit on American territory, led her to the New York courtroom. But it could prove the key to tracking down the missing fortune, which includes a Francis Bacon self-portrait and a twelve by four chest stuffed with pearls. The Swiss authorities will only lift their traditional rules of banking secrecy if first the Marcoses are convicted of an offence. Hence the importance to the Philippines government of the New York case.

Lord Deedes, the former editor of English newspaper The Daily Telegraph, on a visit to the Marcoses' private quarters in the Malacanang Palace last year saw the squalid remains of her billion-dollar spending spree. By comparison with what was left, the

Cinderella who did not live happily ever after

hrs and 200 black St Michael girdles she amassed to later life.

Having won a beauty contest partly by fluttering up the local politicians, Imelda hooked Congressman Ferdinand Marcos. To power, the couple paid back everybody — including Imelda's former boyfriends.

One such was Benigno Aquino, who subsequently married a real-life princess, the fabulously rich Corazon or "Cory" Cojuangco. Mrs Aquino's husband, Ferdinand Marcos' major political rival, was later shot on returning from American exile at Manila airport by a lone, deranged assassin — an incident which turned the tide of Philippines politics.

Although the couple was forced to give up their kingdom, they still could have lived out a life of peaceful hut luxurious exile in United States.

Marcos may have been a "son-of-a-bitch" nut, after all he was the Americans' "son-of-a-bitch" and the Great Powers usually look after their own, however gross the stupidity of their former clients. But Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos just would oot keep quiet.

Intrigued

They intruded to return to the Philippines. They sought to topple Mrs Aquino. They embarrassed their hosts, the Reagans. Above all, they are charged with continuing their racketeering after their arrival in the United States.

They are accused, amongst other things, of concealing his ownership of property with false and backdated documents to show it had been sold to Adnan Khashoggi. Imelda, perhaps, will never serve time — the Marcoses' co-conspirators could slowly be unraveled in court — but even if she were to be jailed she will never admit her guilt. For long ago in her fairy tale she ceased to be aware of what she was doing was wrong. Just another poor little rich girl from the Third World.



On television: Imelda Marcos (right) played by Tessie Tomas, and Corazon Aquino by Laurice Guillen photographed during the launching of A Dangerous Life, a three-part Australian TV mini-series

Ministry of the Interior Announcement of Vacancies

It pleases the Interior Ministry to hereby announce its demand for engaging Kuwaitis or non-Kuwaitis to occupy some vacancies in the following departments as specified hereafter:

First: General Department of Police and Emergency Communications:

1) Exchange Engineer

2) Engineer — based and mobile stations (V.H.F., U.H.F.)

3) Power Engineer

Applicant for one of these jobs is required to have a relevant practical experience in addition to a University qualification (degree) from an accredited University in the sphere of the job applied for.

Second: Data processing Centre Administration:

1) Counsellorship/Counselling

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) Experience: 10 years (minimum)
b) Drawing plans for projects (BSI)

2) System Analyst

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) University relevant degree
b) Training experience in computer operations: 5 years (minimum)
c) Efficiency and full acquaintance with operating and analysing system (MVS/XA, DOS/VSE/VS)

3) System Programmer in the following fields

a) Operating Systems (in accordance with) the operation system (MVS/XA)
b) On-line systems (in accordance with) the data bases of the system (CICS/VS)
c) Communications (in accordance with) the programmes (MPDA/MCCF/NCP/VTAM)
(Qualifying Conditions):
1) Experience of 5 years (minimum) in the field of programming systems in accordance with (IBM)
"Computers" — of the five years (experience) three years (minimum) should be in the required field of speciality.
2) University degree and preferably in science or electronic computer engineering.

4) Engineer:

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) B.Sc. Engineering - Air Conditioning b) Experience: 3 years (minimum)

5) Air Conditioning Technician

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) Technical (intermediate) qualification attained two years at least after the Secondary School General Certificate or its equivalent.

b) Experience: 5 years (minimum)

6) Computer Operator

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) Relevant University Qualification is preferable.

b) Experience in the capacity of operator - either of the following systems will do:

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c) Experience in the capacity of computer operator in accordance with system (HVS/XA, VSE/SP, VM/SP)

d) Experience in the field of job: 2 years (minimum)

7) Data Processor Operator

(Qualifying Conditions)

a) Academic qualification not less than the Secondary School General Certificate or its equivalent.

b) Experience in the field of data processing for not less than one year.

Submitting of Application

Applications are to be made on specific forms at the Personnel and Training Department in Shuaikhal Industrial Area and submitted in conjunction with the required documents to the same department and the Ministry is in no circumstances committed to return the attached documents for any reason.

The one who might be picked should be subject to the other employment legal terms and conditions as well as to go through the interviews or tests that the Ministry might deem necessary.

Undersecretary

By Francis Daniel

The manual lists many words and phrases that are taboo.

"Manhole" becomes "access hole", "mankind" becomes "humanity", "man hours" are "labour hours", "oo man's land" is "neutral territory" or "wilderness" and "man-eater" is "oow 'man-eater".

Angry at what they say is a chauvinist portrayal in the Australian media, they want to denounce the English language in official and other communications.

The Labour Party government has come to their aid, warning civil servants and the male-dominated advertising industry to change their ways or face official wrath.

"Advertisers should take particular care in their portrayal of men and women. Members of both sexes should be represented as whole human beings and treated with the same respect, dignity and seriousness," she said.

To a recently released 400-page style manual for civil servants, government employees are ordered to use oon-sexist language to all their dealings as a first step in changing the image of women and curbing male chauvinism.

No public servant will be allowed to have a man-to-man chat. Officials should talk person-to-person.

Delegates, who included senior government officials from Europe, Canada and New Zealand, produced documents and statistical information aimed to show that the Australian advertising industry was riddled with male chauvinism.

Australian advertisements often "exploited, demeaned and belittled women. It is time for the government to take action," said sex discrimination commissioner Quentin Bryce.

Advertising agencies say they are merely reflecting Australian values. The industry must respond if there is serious consumer resistance, they say.

Prime Minister Bob Hawke, introducing in Parliament the national agenda for women, said: "The government wishes to promote the dignity of women and to attack those attitudes or practices which undermine it."

The agenda calls for the upgrading of women in society, including better jobs, wages and educational opportunities.

But old standards die hard.

Opposition National Party member Ian Cameron retorted: "Fifty per cent of women in Australia have a job, for God's sake."

"How many women do you want in the work force?"

OUTLOOK

By Kathy Cuddihy

PARIS is an experience that every woman deserves at least — at the very least — once in her life. Ideally, she should be exposed to this epitome of hedonism two or three times a year, especially when the new fashion collections come out.

Paris is the perfect city for any woman who wants to feel a whole lot better about herself. The already glamorous types can get a boost of positive reinforcement and the rest of us can have a panoramic view of what to aim for in the world of style.

Never plan to spend less than two days in Paris, because it takes one day just to get acclimated. Ob, I don't mean to get acclimated to the weather. I mean to the heady atmosphere. It is my contention that no matter how well dressed you might possibly be on your first day in Paris, you'll feel like a frump. Surrounded by a sea of perfectly manicured, coiffed and clad beauties (both male and female!), the visitor develops insecurities hitherto unrecognized and is convinced her blatant lack of sophistication makes her as obvious as a pimple on a model's nose. Parisians manage to confirm these suspicions with their supercilious stares. Unfortunately, in order to

Vive Paree!

feel better we have to first feel worse ... a whole lot worse.

But for anyone who can survive that first day of withering, less than subtle glances, and the conviction of irreversible dowdiness, great rewards are in store. The marvellous thing about Paris is that the city bursts with talented people who have savoir faire and who can create miraculous make-overs in a remarkably brief span of time. Amazingly, not only can the place give you a new look, but new outlook as well. Nowhere in the world is it more fun to lose a few pounds (sterling) and gain a few pounds (calories).

In the process of buying new clothes, you happily discover a new you. "Madam, may I offer a little suggestion?" Before you have time to answer, the chic salesperson is expertly flipping up a collar, loosening a button, adding a fashionable belt, and generally turning an ordinary individual into an eyecatcher. After years of wearing the same old colours, you find yourself persuaded to add some radically different colour schemes to your wardrobe. Eh, voila! Rumblings of vibrancy. The butterfly is breaking out of the chrysalis. "Wow, is that me?" you can't help but

wonder. All of a sudden you walk a couple of inches taller, and feel your self-esteem go up a few dozen points.

If time is limited but the budget isn't, the Faubourg St Honore is the destination to choose. Designer boutiques positively litter this short, narrow street which also houses an internationally established hairdresser and a famous beautician. What's more, just around the corner is the recently opened Maxim's restaurant, an elegant, gourmet place where it's actually fun to lose a few pounds (sterling) and gain a few pounds (calories).

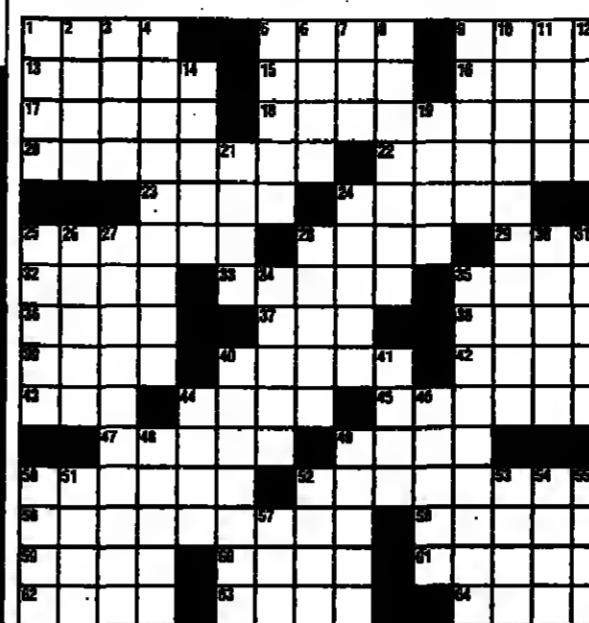
One thing that might slow down the otherwise speedy process of turning dowdy into dandy is the slight problem of a language barrier. The French don't have a lot of tolerance for people who can't speak their language... properly. Apart from hand signals, the only way to get around this annoying little stumbling block is to speak incorrect French with a great deal of confidence. If you don't even know incorrect French, then use words in your own language and boldly put on a thick French accent. If you can also manage a supercilious

stare, you'll probably get away with the ruse.

The small matter of prices shouldn't interfere with such a special outing. All you have to know is that the declining dollar makes Paris expensive, but if you tell yourself (and your spouse) that you're worth it, then you can proceed with a clear conscience and you won't have to dwell on the intricacies of exchange rates and indebtedness. Besides, who wants to spend a holiday constantly doing mental arithmetic, worrying about whether to divide or multiply all those zeros?

By the end of the second day you should have acquired enough classy clothing and enough of a classy veneer to feel comfortable even in the company of Parisians. Yes, Paris has that unique ability to give a woman a new lease on life. Almost effortlessly, she can undergo a quick revamp and, voila, she looks and feels like a million dollars. Unfortunately, bank managers don't have such a tolerant attitude towards splurges, no matter how beneficial they might be. I may look like a million dollars, but so does my bank account ... in overdraft. My manager doesn't want to know about a new lease on life ... he's talking mortgage. Nevertheless, yes, it was worth it!

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 1 Salt Lake City team
- 5 Actress Thompson
- 9 Court proceedings
- 13 Farinaeous meal
- 15 Of an age
- 16 Siamese
- 17 Warehouse
- 18 Movie by 40 Across
- 20 Aversion
- 22 Certain
- 23 Instant replay
- 25 1854-58 war site
- 28 CIA's forerunner
- 32 Arm
- 33 With 40 Across, noted writer-director-actor
- 35 Yan
- 36 Wine flask
- 37 Pull
- 38 Peter of the piano
- 39 Bambi's kin
- 40 See 33 Across
- 42 Maka tracks
- 44 Nichols hero
- 45 Appear
- 47 Delhi garb
- 49 Hideaway

DOWN

- 1 Secondhand
- 2 Actor Jacques
- 3 Guido notes
- 4 See 18 Across
- 5 Former
- 6 Far East treaty org.
- 7 Dapper one
- 8 Divorce's concern
- 9 Friend of Arams
- 10 Ben Hur
- 11 Foot bones
- 12 Feet poorly
- 13 Dove's quest
- 19 Word with end or side
- 21 "Pygmalion" playwright
- 24 Bank
- 25 Oafs
- 26 "The Life of ..." 50 Shore bird
- 52 St. John followers
- 56 See 18 Across
- 58 Log-rolling contest
- 59 Wings for Amor
- 60 Ambler
- 61 Poet's muse
- 62 Kept
- 63 Unit of force
- 64 Anna who played Nana
- 65 Caesar's farewell
- 66 Barbara of "Mission Impossible"
- 67 Blind part
- 68 Place for a chapeau
- 69 Knight's weapon
- 70 Nanking nurse
- 71 Caesar's farewell
- 72 Barbara of "Mission Impossible"
- 73 Blind part
- 74 Place for a chapeau
- 75 Anon
- 76 Essay

27 Detached
28 Persian hen
30 Hawkbone one
31 Strand
34 Stan a pal
35 See 18 Across
40 Was a party to
41 Low tide
44 LxW
46 Bishop of London's headress
48 Had the flu
49 Knight's weapon

50 Nanking nurse

51 Caesar's farewell

52 Barbara of "Mission Impossible"

53 Blind part

54 Place for a chapeau

55 Anon

57 Essay

WEST

1 ♠ Q 3

2 ♦ A Q J 8 5

3 ♣ Q J 10 9 7

4 ♠ J

5 ♠ 10 7 6 5 2

EAST

1 ♠ Q 3

2 ♦ J 7 4 2

3 ♣ K 9 7 2

4 ♠ 5 3

5 ♠ A K Q 8

SOUTH

1 ♠ 10 8 6

2 ♦ K 9 7 2

3 ♣ 5 3

4 ♠ Pass

5 ♠ Pass

NORTH

1 ♠ A K 9 5

2 ♦ 10 4 3

3 ♣ A K 2

4 ♠ 9 4 3

PREPARE TO FINESSE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

OPENING LEAD:

South

West

North

East

1 ♠ 1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass

1 NT 2 ♦ 3 NT Pass

Pass

FINESSES

Finesses can appear in strange guises. Winning players are alert to the possibilities.

A STRAIGHTFORWARD AUCTION

North-South end up in three oo trump after West had shown a red two-suiter. They could have done almost as well had North elected to double two diamonds and attacked with three rounds of trumps.

West led the top of his diamond sequence. Declarer allowed West to hold the first trick, then won the continuation. Since he would need three spades tricks even if he could collect four club tricks, declarer came to hand with the queen of clubs, noting with interest the fall of

GOREN BRIDGE

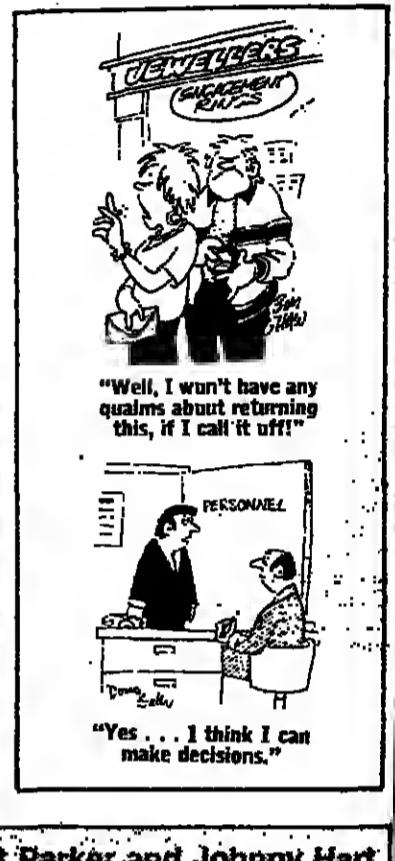
BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
PREPARE TO FINESSE

West's jack, and ran the eight of spades, losing to East's jack. Back came a heart: West won the jack as declarer played low, then forced out the remaining diamond stopper.

Declarer needed to clear one last hurdle before he could claim his contract.

He carefully led dummy's nine of clubs to the king. A spade allowed declarer to pick up the queen and score three tricks in the suit, and the marked finesse of the eight of clubs brought in that suit and the contract.

Note that declarer will go down if he does not unlock his nine of clubs. In that event, after clearing the spades declarer can run the nine of clubs, but he has no entry back to his hand to cash the queen. And if he retains the ten of spades in hand as an entry, dummy's last spade will remain withering on the vine. Either way, eight tricks are the maximum.



By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THE WIZARD OF ID



By Johnny Hart

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 19)

You will have plenty of energy but should make sure you do not squander it. You will have no time to lose. Check your figures lest you have made a mistake. Be magnanimous.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Mercury's better influence will help you to see the situation more clearly. You will be able to make more rapid progress. Make sure you do not act on unreliable information. Be less demanding.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will have the energy to cope with today's problems. You should not try to act as though you were a lot younger than you are. Work hard but relax too. Be moderate.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

You will tend to dream too much and should try to come down to earth a little more. Do not attempt to do more than you know you have the time and energy for just now. Be resourceful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be quite so sure of yourself and should do things on the spur of the moment. Something you had feared might not now happen. However there is still need for care and attention. Be tolerant.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should make sure you concentrate on essentials. Do all you can to avoid confusion. Work hard but do not neglect your personal affairs. Be courteous.



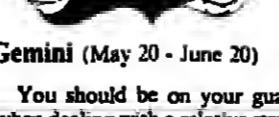
Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should keep your wits very much about you. Make sure you do not allow yourself to be deceived or misled. Do not try to have it all your own way. Be generous.



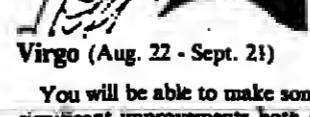
Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

The Moon's better influence will help you to make up your mind. Before doing anything too adventurous make sure you discuss it with your colleagues. Avoid all kinds of exaggerations and keep within the limits of propriety.



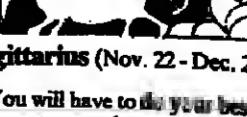
Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should be on your guard when dealing with a relative stranger but that does not mean being hostile. You will be able to do something you greatly enjoy doing. Do not say the first thing that comes to mind. Be cordial.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be able to make some significant improvements both at home and at work. You are liable to lose enthusiasm and will have to make extra efforts. Do not do anything that might injure your health. Be reliable.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will have to do your best to reduce stress and to avoid conflict. Try not to make things more complicated. Maintain the courage of your convictions and have confidence in yourself. Be frugal.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You will find it a little easier to deal with your problems. However you must still not think that everything is going to be plain sailing. A friend of yours will appreciate your company and moral support. Be gracious.

Joan Cuddihy

BUSINESS & FINANCE

West German company to develop Saddam oilfield

NICOSIA, Nov 13, (AP): West Germany's Maennermao Oil Co. will develop the rich Saddam oilfield in northern Iraq under a contract signed in Baghdad yesterday, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahem Al Chalabi as saying the project is expected to be completed within 21 months.

He said initial production will be 45,000 barrels of oil and 300 million cubic feet of associated gas a day.

It said the contract provides for the construction of gas assembly and insulation stations, gas and processing units and 300 miles (500 kilometres) of pipeline networks.

Agreement

The financial details of the agreement were not disclosed.

The Saddam oilfield, named after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, was discovered last year.

It was reported to contain the largest oil deposits in the country, but development was delayed because of the war with Iran.

The agreement with Mannesmann, which is acting on behalf of the West German firm Lagenau, comes within Iraq's drive to seek foreign help to revitalise the economy through a series of major industrial projects.

Its top priority is to repair its war-damaged oil installations and expand its oil industry. Al Chalabi has said Iraq plans to have a production capacity of some 4.5-million barrels a day within the next few years.

Mauritius launches new gold coins

PORI LOUIS, Nov 15, (Reuter): The Indian Ocean state of Mauritius has launched a series of gold coins, which after its extinction, will be minted.

Investors in the international bullion market will be able to purchase the 22-carat Dodos from the Bank of Mauritius with face value of 100 rupees (\$7.40), 250, 500 or 1,000 rupees. The price will vary from day to day in line with the world gold market.

On one side the coins portray the Dodo and on the other the head of Prime Minister Sir Anerood Jugnauth.

Discovery

Mauritius was uninhabited until the era of European discovery. The Dodo, unique to the islands, had no natural enemies and no fear of man, cats and other introduced predators, which made it a hydor, for naivety and led to its extermination in the 17th century.

The new coins were launched by Central Bank Governor Indra Ramphal at a ceremony on Saturday.

Ramphal said residents of Mauritius who purchase the coins would be exempted from the 45 per cent stamp duty which normally applies to jewellery sales in the island.

The Dodos have been manufactured for Mauritius by the British Royal Mint.

At Saturday's launch ceremony, the Central Bank also introduced a 500 rupee (\$37) note for ordinary circulation.

US retail sales jump

WASHINGTON, Nov 15, (AP): US retail sales, bolstered by big gains at department stores and auto dealerships, jumped 0.9 per cent in October, the biggest increase in seven months, the government said today.

The Commerce Department's retail sales rose \$1.2 billion to a seasonally adjusted \$135.6 billion. In September, they fell by 3 per cent after rising by a similar 0.3 per cent in August.

Sheikh Ali, Kartasasmita discuss ways to restore oil market stability

OPEC prepares for another cliffhanger

VIENNA, Nov 15, (Agencies): Reports of OPEC's demise, as Mark Twain would have said, have been greatly exaggerated. But this week the organisation's oil ministers confront what is certainly one of the stiffer challenges in its 28 years.

As ministers prepare for what looks like another round of brinkmanship, this time at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna, they know that failure to reunite the group will almost certainly lead to a crash in world oil prices. "If OPEC breaks up its meeting with no agreement and no consensus on what to do next, prices could quickly slide below \$10 per barrel," said Steve Turner, analyst at London securities house Smith New Court.

Row

The Vienna talks are aimed at solving a long-running row between Iran and Iraq over production that has torn apart OPEC—the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries—and cost the 13-nation organisation its credibility in the market place.

The next days will tell whether behind-the-scenes diplomacy has succeeded in finding a formula to end Iraq's boycott of production agreements, an essential precondition for a full OPEC accord to curb the flow of oil and boost world prices.

In the run-up to the talks prices have steadied in the oil market, though it breaths, but Dubai crude—one of OPEC's key Middle East blends—is still trading at around \$10.50 a barrel or \$7 below the organisation's reference price.

Pressure

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter and most powerful OPEC nation, is expected to exert enormous pressure on Iran and Iraq to bury their differences and is threatening to flood oil markets if the arch-enemies do not fall in line.

OPEC chairman Rilwanu Lukman was quoted today as calling for a higher oil produc-

tion ceiling by the 13-member organisation.

But he also warned that a price war would erupt if the members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries did not respect production quotas assigned by the organisation.

"Our present output ceiling ... including Iraq's quota, no longer represents the demand for our crude at present ... what I am saying is that the demand for OPEC oil now exceeds the official production ceiling," Lukman was quoted as saying in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily.

Production

Lukman did not specify what the new production ceiling should be. He excluded a rise to as many as 22 million barrels a day. Current OPEC output is estimated at just below that figure, because of overproduction by some OPEC members.

Lukman stressed in the interview that adherence by member states to the production quotas was the best way to raise the price of oil above the OPEC benchmark of \$18 per barrel. The current world oil glut has forced the price down to around \$13 per barrel.

"As the present OPEC agreement expires at the end of December, we have to reach a new accord in Vienna, but this time we aspire to see the agreement signed by all 13 members," he said.

He warned the agreement would collapse if it was violated by anyone. He explained that "in the past some members managed to go on violating the agreement because other members stuck to their quotas."

Violators

"But if the coming agreement is violated by any member, all members will have to increase their production. Those violators are well aware of this fact."

Meanwhile, Indonesian Oil Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita



Indonesia's Mines and Energy Minister, Ginanjar Kartasasmita (left) pictured with Kuwait's Oil Minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa.

cooperated with his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Ali Khalifa today in view of the upcoming OPEC meeting.

Official sources said they discussed ways of restoring stability to the oil market and of eliminating feuds among OPEC members, to pave the way for a new production agreement in Vienna.

The sources, who did not wish to be named, said the Indonesian minister was trying to reconcile the conflicting views of Iraq and Iran.

Kartasasmita arrived in Kuwait late Monday from Tehran, where he also conferred with Iranian President Ali Khamenei.

He told reporters on arrival that he was trying to persuade Iran and Iraq to help the organisation work out a new agreement by dropping their feed over production quotas.

"We don't have any specific proposals except that we seek of the governments of Iran and Iraq

to open the door for possible agreement," he said.

He described the outcome of his visit to Tehran, where he also conferred with Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh as "satisfactory," without elaboration.

Kartasasmita left Kuwait today for Iraq at the third and final leg of a Gulf tour that started in Iran.

The Indonesian minister, who earlier today delivered a letter from President Suharto to HH the Amir, was seen off by Sheikh Ali and the Indonesian ambassador here.

Agreement

● Iran and Iraq, despite token agreement last week to exchange a few thousand sick prisoners of war, are still at loggerheads at UN-brokered peace talks in Geneva.

● There has been no substantial contact between Tehran and Baghdad on oil since the nation's ministers left the negotiating table at unproductive OPEC talks in Madrid one month ago.

If anything, analysts say, positions have hardened since then.

Eight ministers, including Iran's Gholamreza Aqazadeh and Iraq's Issam Abdul-Rahim Al Chalabi, meet on Thursday for a series of joint sessions of OPEC's price and long-term strategy panels.

They have four days to work out a framework agreement before an open-ended meeting of all 13 nations starting next Monday.

Hope

"The hope is that by the time all the ministers meet an agreement will have been thrashed out," said John Crowley, oil analyst at Chase Manhattan Securities in London. "But compared with two or three weeks ago things have gone a little sour."

The Iran-Iraq row, stemming from the bitter war halted by a ceasefire in August, centres on Tehran's refusal to allow Baghdad an equal quota in OPEC's production sharing system.

World Business Summary

Reagan says budget deficit was main goal he missed

WASHINGTON, Nov 15, (Reuters): President Reagan said yesterday that his failure to balance the federal budget was the most important unachieved goal of his presidency. Reagan also said he has the most respect for British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of any statesman he has met and said her performance points up the inevitability of a woman being one day elected president of the United States. "I have no quarrel with women being president. As a matter of fact, the statesmen in the world that I have met that I respect the most is the Prime Minister of England, Margaret Thatcher, and she's done a remarkable job," Reagan said when asked when a female would be elected president. "I guess it takes a little getting used to on the part of some people, but I think it's inevitable that in this country there will be a woman president," Reagan, who leaves the White House on Jan 20 after eight years in power, told a group of 13- and 14-year-old students. Asked what was the most important goal of his presidency that he was unable to accomplish, Reagan responded without hesitation: "I can sum that up very briefly: the federal deficit, the fact that for over half a century, our government has been spending more money than it takes in." Reagan, who campaigned for the presidency on a pledge to cut taxes, increase defence spending and balance the budget, described for the students the federal budget law that orders the government to phase out the deficit gradually over the next few years.

But he did not mention that during his years in the White House, the cumulative national debt has climbed to \$2.6 trillion from \$1 trillion. Asked whether it was possible to reduce the deficit without raising taxes, Reagan boasted that his administration had actually increased government revenues by cutting taxes.

US oil prices on the rise

NEW YORK, Nov 15, (OPECNA): Unseasonably strong demand for unleaded gasoline continued to bolster all energy prices in the United States yesterday, including crude oil. On the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX), spot December unleaded gasoline contracts closed up 1.51 cents a gallon at 48.16 cents, while January deliveries rose by 1.06 cents to reach 43.86 cents. The unusual lift in prices was attributed to tight supplies at Hastings and Oklahoma, delivery points used by NYMEX, but analysts said the situation would correct itself "as we head into winter." The market was also boosted by the news from Brazil that a four-day strike by workers at the national oil company, Petrobras, had shut down eight of the country's 10 refineries.

Traders commented that the situation was "quite remarkable" considering the oil market's recent volatility coupled with the sharp drop in the value of the dollar. The spot December price of the US benchmark crude, West Texas Intermediate, gained 32 cents a barrel to end the day at \$14.27, while January deliveries finished at \$14.14, 26 cents up, and February contracts at \$14.05, a rise of 22 cents.

IDB extends \$8.15m to Niger

JEDDAH, Nov 15, (OPECNA): The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is to extend \$8.15 million in two loans to Niger. The first loan of \$4.75 million will go to finance a foreign trade transaction for import of oil products from an IDB member state. The second (\$3.4 million) will go to finance the construction of oil product storage facilities with a capacity of 24,500 cu. metres in Niamey. The two agreements were signed here Saturday on behalf of Niger by its Minister of State for Planning, Dr. Yahya Tonkana, and for IDB by its president, Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Ali. Meanwhile, under another agreement signed at the weekend, IDB agreed to extend a loan of \$30 million to Turkey for a foreign trade transaction for the import of iron ore.

The accord was signed by IDB vice-president Orusman Seck and Ahmed Okuz, manager of the Turkish Iron and Steel Company of Izmir. At a meeting with IDB president on Sunday, President Brig. Gen. Mathieu Kerekou of Benin expressed satisfaction over the support of the Islamic Bank in financing development projects in his country. The president also highlighted the constructive role IDB was playing for the promotion of technical co-operation among its member states. Earlier, Ali held a meeting with Planning Minister Avrom Simon on co-operation prospects between IDB and Benin. Benin has received a total of \$23 million from the bank in project and foreign trade financing loans.

Kuwait has a 'good bargaining position'

European airlines must co-operate closely: Esser

By Jadranka Portor



Gunter Esser

AIRLINES flying into Western Europe will face some tough bargaining when European Economic Community (EEC) countries create in 1992 a single market free of trade barriers, according to IATA Director-General Gunter Esser.

Esser, a guest of Kuwait Airways, told reporters on Monday that Kuwait Airways' traffic rights will not be affected if the European airlines continue flying to Kuwait. But he stressed that full implications of the move to integrate the EEC countries' markets are not clear yet.

However, he did point out that the EEC airlines will negotiate as a single unit which will put them in a position of strength. Flights within the 12 EEC countries will be considered domestic traffic, he said. This may affect Kuwait Airways' rights to pick up passengers in EEC countries.

Destinations

The situation will be similar to one faced by the airlines flying to different destinations in the US, he added.

Kuwait has a good bargaining position and will just have to bargain hard, said Esser.

Esser does not expect mergers and takeovers among European

"The normal fares in Europe have not been touched yet. But the EEC transport commission has identified zones for excursion fares," he said.

Changes

Said Esser: "Whatever changes have to take place I hope that the decision makers in Europe won't go too fast."

Esser said the International Air Transport Association

(IATA) has set up a task force to study the problem of airspace and airport congestion severely affecting Europe and the US. One way to solve that problem is to build more airports but that is costly and takes time, said Esser. Only three airports are now being built in the world, he added.

IATA will make recommendations to the governments to ease the problem.

Esser repeated his call, first voiced last month at the IATA's annual general meeting in Montreal, to set up an international court to try hijackers.

He also proposed an anti-terrorist squad to deal with terrorist attacks on air liners. Both proposals were unanimously supported by the 174-member organisation.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

PARIS — French housing credit agency Caisse Autonome de Refinancement (CAR) is launching a two-tranche 2.35 billion franc domestic bond, the lead manager said. (RTWK 1231)

Paris — State-controlled banking group Credit Foncier de France is issuing a 700 mln franc floating rate domestic bond due 1998, lead manager Banque Nationale de Paris said. (RTWK 1249)

Duesseldorf — Copenhagen Handelsbank A/S is issuing a 150 mln mark 10-year Eurobond with a 6-1/2 pct coupon priced at 101 to yield 6.38 pct, sole lead manager Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale (Westlb) said. (RTUM 0941)

Tokyo — Kyushu Electric Power Co will issue 200 mln Swiss francs in a seven-year straight bond through public placement, a company spokesman said. (RTUK 0912)

Frankfurt — Swiss Bank Corp Finance, Cayman Islands, is issuing a 70 mln mark five year private placement Eurobond, lead manager Schweizerische Bankverein (Swiss Bank Corp) (Deutschland) AG said. (RTUN 0957)

Frankfurt — Finance for Danish industry is issuing a 50 mln Australian dollar four-year Eurobond with a 13-3/4 pct coupon priced at 101-3/4, lead manager Norddeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale (Nordlb) said. (RTXK 1425)

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	11-3/4 1/2	11-15/16 13/16	12-3/16 1/8
FFT	4.50/60	4.65/75	4.85/95
PAR	8-3/16 15/16	7-7/8 8	8-1/16 3/16
ZUR	3-5/8 3-7/8	3-3/4 4	3-7/8 4-1/8
BRI	7.50	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/8 1/4
RON	10-1/2 11	11-5/8 12-1/4	11-1/2 12
ANS	4.75/90	5.25/28	5.27/37
TOK	3.6250 6875	4.0625 1250	4.3125 3750
ECU	7.31 7.56	7.37 7.50	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

	Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-13/16	7-1/4	
3 months	6-3/4	7-3/16	
6 months	6-9/16	7-1/16	
1 year	6-9/16	7	

BOMBAY

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GNFC	58.50	57	MUCAND	116	117	117				
ASIA PAINT	82.20	220	GSCF	145	140	147.50	DRKAY	40	39	38.50
BAJAJ AUTO	321.25	376.25	HINDALCO	123	122.50	125	PFTZER	78	78	82
BON. OILYING	136.15	150	HINDCOCOA	115	113.75	117.50	PRE. AUTO	57	53.50	55
BR. BOND	118	111	HINDMOTOR	44	41	44	RELIANCE	178	175	174.50
BSE INDEX	709.03	709.03	IND ORG	81	80	85.50	BIEVENS	114	110	110
CENTURYSPG	1465	1450	INDRAYON	270	267.50	265	SPIC	59	59	59
COLGATE	325	322.50	INDROL	120	120	120	HIP ELEC	1800	1700	
DEEPAKERT	48	47	ITC	52	49	51	STIMMILL	540	335	340
EL. HOTEL	52.50	52.50	JKSYNTH	85	83	85	TATA PUR	345	352.50	345
ESSAR	30	30	L AND T	131	129.50	130	TATACHEM	108	106	108.50
GAR. POLY	121.25	122.50	MAHINDRA	122	118	118	TELCO	745	735	740
GE.SHIP	44	44	MASTERSHR	19.75	19	19	TISSCO	1062.5	1050	1057
			MATHER PL	77.50	70	70	VOLTAS	530	540	550

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ARAB BANK		JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.00	2.15
ARAB CHEMICAL OTER	4.45	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	4.25	4.40
ARAB FINANCE CORP.		JOR PRINTING/PACK.		
ARAB INSURANCE		JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INT. INV./TRAD.	0.98	JOR SECURIT CORP.		
ARAB INT./UNION INS	0.58	JOR SELPHO CHEM.		
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BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
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DAR AL SHAB PRESS		JORDAN KUWAITI BANK		
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.		JORDAN TANNING	1.95	1.95
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		LIVESTOCK/POLTRY	0.70	0.73
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GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.40	HAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
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IND/HATCH JENCO	0.75	HAT/CABLE/WIRE/NF		
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNK		NATIONAL AHILA INS.	1.36	1.35
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.		NATIONAL INDUSTRY		
INDSTR. INVEST.	0.75	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
INTER. CO/INV	0.13	NATIONAL STEEL		
IRBIO ELECTRIC	0.86	ORIENT ORY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	PETRA BANK		
ITEMED/PIETRI/CH		PETRA JOR.INS.	0.38	0.35
J. TOUR-SQ COMPLEX	0.79	PHILADELPHIA INS.		
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	RAFAIA INDUSTRIAL	0.75	0.75
K. TOBACCO/CIGARET	14.75	REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR		SHOPPING LINES		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	SPINNING WEAVING		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		THE HOUSING BANK		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE		UNITED INSURANCE	1.10	1.15
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY		UNIVERSAL CHM. IND.		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.79	0.78
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.		WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.82	0.81
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	YARMOUK-INSURANCE	1.23	1.26

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-AHILI BANK	0.375					
-B.K.M.E	0.390					
-BURGAM BANK	0.300					
-K.F.HOUSE	0.550	0.540	0.550	0.540	55000	5
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KMT INV. CO.	0.146					
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210					
-K.I.I.C.	0.142					
-COM.FACILITIES	0.480					
-ARLIA INV.	0.000					
-I.F.A.	0.100	0.096	0.096	0.096	40000	1
-INV. PEARL ISL	0.102					
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KMT INSURANCE	0.730					
-GULF INSURANCE	0.350					
-ARLIA INS. CO.	0.580					
-WARBA INS.	0.440					
REAL EST. SECTOR						
-KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.210					
-UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.200					
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080					
-KUT R.E.I.CON	0.000					
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-KUT M.P. IND.	0.295					
-KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255					
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Gold slightly up

Dollar idles ahead of US trade figures

LONDON, Nov 15. (Reuter): Currency markets waited with bated breath for US September trade figures due tomorrow which, if particularly bad, might send the dollar spinning again.

In fact, market analysts reported, a consensus was that America's trade gap would be shown to have narrowed slightly from August's \$12.2 billion.

But after a slide by the dollar last week no one was taking chances in today currency trading. "Everyone is just waiting for the figures. There is nothing going on at all," said a Frankfurt-based dealer.

The dollar held around 1.7450 Deutsche marks and 123.50 yen. Intervention by the Japanese and US central banks has propped it since last Friday when it sank as low as 1.7375 and 122.85.

Bullet

It fell last week as speculators sold to a belief that President-elect George Bush will have to encourage a decline in its value to correct the huge US trade deficit.

Its weakness worried Wall Street, which took the view that a run on the dollar could compel US authorities to raise interest rates to stop it going too low too fast.

Declines in the dollar and in Wall Street share values,

however, have yet to alarm investors in the Tokyo Stock Market which closed today with the Nikkei average 308.51 points or 1.08 per cent up at a record 28,829.41.

Investors

Japanese investors are betting that the strong yen will keep Japan's interest rates low, although even in Tokyo there is some concern about tomorrow's US trade data.

"Investors want to wait and see how currency levels and US interest rates react to the US trade figures due out tomorrow," said Toshiyuki Nishiguchi, a broker at Daiwa Securities Co. Ltd.

Australian shares closed easier after the market failed to lift itself out of the doldrums following a 31-point slide yesterday. The All-Ordinaries index shed 4.4 points to 1,522.5.

But bargain hunters were out in Hong Kong where the Hang Seng index ended 30.59 points or 1.2 per cent up at 2,568.58.

Results

Shares eased in Paris although not as briskly as they did in a sell-off there yesterday. Good corporate results helped West Germany shares to a firmer start, Frankfurt dealers reported.

The gold price was set in London's bullion market at \$423.40

an ounce, slightly up from yesterday's close.

Crude oil prices were steady at new, somewhat firmer levels with typical North Sea Brent quoted for January loading above \$13 a barrel ahead of OPEC talks starting in Vienna this week. The organisation will try to resolve differences over an elusive agreement to cut output and end the prevailing glut.

In London, shares were steady in afternoon business with participants again content to track developments on Wall Street ahead of tomorrow's release of September US trade figures, dealers said.

"You can see from the way FTSE 100 bounced off 1,780 yesterday that there's plenty of underlying support for UK shares but what happens on the (Wall) Street over the next few days is going to set the pace," one dealer said.

The FTSE 100 share index at 1530 GMT was up nine points to 1,803.3, below the day's high of 1,804.7 set just before noon. Volume at 1500 GMT was a moderate 253.7 million shares.

Deficit

Most observers anticipate a narrowing in September's US trade deficit from the August gap but say Wall Street could mark

any widening shortfall with a sizeable fall.

But one dealer said he thought UK shares could move up if the September US deficit is in line with forecasts. "We know from the way institutions picked up stock when the (FTSE 100) index went below 1,800 yesterday that there are plenty of people around who appreciate a bargain when they see one."

This view was echoed by others who said that fundamentals of strong corporate growth and the prospect of stable UK interest rates could underpin British shares for a while.

Larger

Traders shrugged off a larger than generally expected fall in September UK industrial output of 0.5 per cent. A Central Statistical Office spokesman said the fall should be seen against abnormally high output levels in July and August. They were "not an indication of slowing growth," the spokesman said.

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Dealers

Another share to firm up bid rumour today was Trusthouse Forte, up 6p to 267 on turnover of 3.5 million shares. Dealers said there was again, as yesterday, heavy activity in the company's December 280p call options indicating buyers see upside potential to around that level in the near term.

Patrick Wellington said: "we don't attach too much credence to some of the Plessey market rumours."

Plessey has been on the receiving end of much market speculation about a possible bid ever since GEC's £1.2 billion bid was blocked by the UK Monopolies Commission in 1986.

GEC last year agreed to limit its stake in Plessey to 15 per cent and undertook not to merge with the company without consent from Britain's Department of Trade and Industry.

Plessey this morning announced that it was setting up a pan-European traffic control systems group with French and Spanish companies to be known as Plessey Traffic Systems International. The newly formed group will have annual sales of more than £70 million, Plessey said.

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Natwest analyst



Floor dealers watch up-to-date share prices fluctuate on quotation boards at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday. Tokyo share prices soared to their third straight record closing high, drawing support from the weakened dollar which continued lower yesterday despite central bank intervention. (Reuter wirephoto)

OFS offers comprehensive range of services

By Lima Al Khalafawi

ADVICE for expatriates on all aspects of their financial affairs is available from Overseas Financial Services (OFS), an international financial planning service.

The company offers complete and impartial advice, said OFS Business Development Manager Tony Mustafa.

Impact

Mustafa told the Arab Times that OFS services are not confined to one type of investment one normally finds from banks, insurance brokers or stockbrokers.

Services are available whether you live overseas or when you return home on how to get the maximum benefit while paying taxes and investing.

Clecs can receive an analysis of suitable investments based on statistics, Mustafa said.

OFS constantly monitors and updates services offered to

expatriates and keeps them informed about any new additional services. Mustafa added the OFS is offering estate planning and advice on inheritance tax liabilities. It also arranges mortgages on residential, overseas and investment properties.

Advice is also given on retirement planning, monthly investment plans and school fees planning.

Sophisticated portfolio management is provided through leading stockbrokers and information on tax-free income and capital upon returning home is available, Mustafa said.

In co-operation with international stockbrokers Hoare Govett, OFS gave a seminar yesterday at the Holiday Inn.



NCR Branch Manager Basil Dandan (seated left) and Bahrain Insurance Co. General Manager Hisham Babu (seated right) signing the contract as NCR Accounts Manager Howard Ross (left) and Narayan Hegde, EDP manager, Bahrain Insurance Co. look on.

France may participate in Iraq's reconstruction programme

BAGHDAD, Nov 15. (AP): French Foreign Trade Minister Jean-Marie Roche conferred with Iraqi officials yesterday on bilateral trade and French participation in Iraq's post-war reconstruction, the official Iraqi news agency reported.

Delegations from the Soviet Union, Romania and West Germany were also in Baghdad yesterday discussing co-operation on several industrial projects, INA reported.

Roche, who arrived on Sunday, held talks with First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassir Ramadhan and Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahem Al Chalabi, INA said.

He met earlier with the ministers of trade, finance, agriculture and industry and military industrialisation.

The officials said he will not hold extensive talks with the Iraqi officials, "but will explore prospects for French involvement in Iraqi business."

The Iraqis have made clear

that foreign companies that continued to operate in their country during the war will get favoured treatment in post-war contracts.

France is Iraq's major Western creditor nation. But the French have agreed to reschedule Baghdad's \$5 billion debt.

Iraq's reconstruction programme is hindered by Baghdad's massive foreign debt, estimated at more than \$60 billion.

Iraq and France are scheduled to hold formal economic and trade talks next March within the framework of the joint committee.

Assistance Iraq is seeking external assistance to revive an ambitious development plan that was shelved in 1984 because of the war.

Specifically, Iraq is seeking immediate foreign investment for 8-10 major state-run industrial projects designed to expand its economy. It has also given top priority to repairing and expanding its war-ravaged oil industry to boost production and exports.

The United States and Britain have recently signed new agreements that raise credit to Iraq to more than \$1.5 billion to boost exports of agricultural products, heavy machinery and other goods.

Iraq in 1983 was France's second largest trade partner outside the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. But by 1985 it was ranked seventh, falling behind Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Facilities

The French officials said France provided financial facilities to Iraq during the war, including a credit line of 730 million francs in 1983 (\$118.6 million) to cover purchase of French goods and projects implemented by French companies.

BNP poised to further expand new range of products

Bank stresses personalised services

THE Banque Nationale de Paris' Maosama offshore banking licence is number 007 which is quite indicative of how firmly established their involvement in the area is.

The Bahrain operation was initiated as part of a programme that called for strengthening a fast-growing international network. To date, that network spans 74 countries and includes over 2,000 branches, agencies and subsidiaries.

The Middle East Division now encompasses offices in Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and North Yemen.

Largest

Banque Nationale de Paris, the largest banking institution in Europe and one of the largest in the world, prides itself on the speed with which it reacts to changing market conditions.

This approach is undoubtedly made easier because the bank is able to offer a comprehensive range of products and services to its clients, either directly or through its highly specialised

Gabandi opens investment seminar

UNDER the sponsorship of the Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Co. (KFTCIC), an investment conference was held yesterday at the grand ballroom of the Hilton Hotel.

The speakers at the conference were distinguished financial and economic experts of Trinkaus and Burkhardt Bank.

Trinkaus and Burkhardt is one of the leading investment banking houses in West Germany. Seventy per cent of the outstanding shares of the bank are owned by Midland Bank and 30 per cent are widely distributed among the private sector.

Activia

The bank is active in traditional private banking services including commercial and private banking, securities trading, trading in money and foreign exchange markets, as



Abdullah Ahmed Al Gabandi (left), chairman and managing director of the Kuwait Foreign Trading Contracting and Investment Co., addresses the investment conference yesterday at the Hilton Hotel.

well as new issues and the syndication business.

The conference was officially opened by Abdullah Ahmed Al Gabandi, chairman and managing director of KFTCIC.

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So deep is the concept of tailoring products to suit clients' needs that the bank is not limiting itself to in-house expertise, according to a company press release.

Through a joint-venture with Robertson, Colman and Stephens, Investment Bankers of San Francisco, California, for instance, the bank is bringing to market a highly specialised fund which offers investments in a diversified portfolio of predominantly late-stage, privately held, US-based companies in emerging growth industries.

Clearly, the original mandate of the branch was proving unrealistic in the light of prevailing market conditions and we therefore had to shift the focus of our attention much more towards the delivery of personalised treasury and investment banking services.

We approached this with basically two strategic priorities. Firstly, we had to, and continue to, develop, through creative dialogue with our clients, a quality of service which was to be recognised as amongst the best.

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Iran pledges oil ties with Kenya

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CINEMA

By Bar Bamigboye

ON MARCH 6, 1983 at 9 p.m., 21-year-old Cheryl Arauso went into Big Dan's, a boisterous fishermen's bar on the waterfront in New Bedford, Massachusetts, to buy a packet of cigarettes.

Around midnight she staggered out, bruised, half naked and screaming for help — she had been pushed on to a poll table, beaten and raped more than 20 times.

What made this horrific crime even more sickening was the Portuguese-American fishermen who cheered and lifted not a finger to help the terrified young housewife and mother of two daughters.

Soon afterwards, four men were charged with rape and two with being accessories. The court case, which was the first of its kind to be televised across America, gripped and appalled the nation.

Powerful

Now a powerful new film, inspired by the shocking incident, is dividing America. *The Accused* had its world premiere in New York recently. It has already become the most controversial movie about sexual relationships since *Fatal Attraction* (both films were made by producer Sherry Lansing) and is bound to provoke a similar debate elsewhere.

Just as *Fatal Attraction* focussed attention on extramarital affairs, *The Accused* is forcing people to take sides on the stark issue of rape.

Feminist

One critic has already called it "fiercely feminist", comparing the impact of the film to a Mike Tyson punch. Another claims the film is exploitative in its attention to detail.

A film that examines the crime of rape through women's eyes and taps into their deepest fears is also likely to touch many raw nerves.

In America last year a staggering 153,000 women were reported to have been sexually violated, dramatically up from 90,000 four years ago. The number of unreported rapes could be ten times that number.

It is hoped this will instigate a new examination of police and courtroom attitudes, and the dilemma of victims treated as both slut and martyr.

The Accused was made because three prominent and powerful Hollywood women — top producer Sherry Lansing and award-winning actresses Kelly McGillis and Jodie Foster — were moved in their determination to do something after

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society's seemingly indifferent attitude to the way rape victims are treated.

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In real life: the men who appalled a nation back in 1983 aroused very powerful feelings in America

be made because, as she has revealed for the first time, she herself had been the victim of a rape.

Six years ago, she suffered a horrific attack when two burglars broke into her Manhattan apartment and raped her. They



Kelly McGillis
were later caught, tried and jailed.

McGillis was offered — but turned down — the role of Sarah Tobias, the defiantly foul-mouthed waitress who becomes the victim in the film. "I've been a victim in life. Why do I have to do it on screen?" she said.

But when McGillis' close friend and co-star Jodie Foster, who plays Tobias, asked her to be on set to give her moral support during the shooting of the rape scene she agreed: "It upset me very much. It was like reliving my life for a moment, watching it happen to someone else."

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What happens next is pure horror. The man seizes her and hoists her, with the help of two college friends, on to a pinball machine. While the bar's regulars jeer, make catcalls and do nothing to help her, Sarah is gang-raped by the three thugs.

The rape scene, told in flashback, lasts three minutes on the screen. It is the most haunting, frightening and graphic three minutes ever to be seen in a mainstream commercial picture.

Said Foster: "It was one of the hardest films I've ever made. And the bar room sequence was the hardest scene of all. I didn't want to have to do it again. I blacked out. I don't remember anything from the time I got on to the table to the time I got off."

"I do know that I hit my marks and said what I was supposed to say and hit where I was supposed to hit, but I don't remember it. Rape victims have that."

Tragically, the real rape victim who inspired the movie (all names and locations were changed in the film) was killed in a car crash a year ago. The four men convicted of her rape were: Daniel Silva, Victor Raposo, John Concello and Joseph Viera.

Shirley's gamble pays off

By Christopher Michaud

NEW YORK (Reuters): Shirley MacLaine's first movie since her 1984 Oscar win represents the start of the metaphysically-minded actress's next life.

In playing the title role of John Schlesinger's *Madame Sousatzka*, MacLaine has taken on a character part that adds a good 15 to 20 years to her age of 54.

It was a deliberate career move motivated by her desire to play the domineering, crusty Russian-American piano teacher, Madame Sousatzka (Sousa-ska).

"I knew if I decided to commit to it would be more than a movie, it would be getting on with character work, which I love," she said in a recent interview.

"I didn't like any of the things I was being offered," she said. "They were all good solid scripts and leading lady parts, but they didn't have any dimension, no challenge or real fun for me."

The gamble seems to have paid off. MacLaine won the best actress award for *Madame Sousatzka* at the Venice Film Festival in August.

The interest in character roles does not mean that MacLaine, who won an academy award in 1984 for *Terms of Endearment*, has narrowed her outlook.

"I'd love to play a Simone Signoret part in *Room at the Top* she said. "But the *Garnier Pixie* is out, that's gone," she said, referring to her roles like *Sweet Charity*, *Irma la Douce* and her debut in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Trouble with Harry*.

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Everyone involved with *Madame Sousatzka* worked for a fraction of their salaries. MacLaine worked for percentages.



Shirley MacLaine: interest in character roles

tage only and stayed with a friend while filming in London to save hotel costs.

The film features the music of Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Mozart and Schumann, as well as appearances by pianist Barry Douglas and the London symphony orchestra.

Working with director Schlesinger, *Darling, Midnight Cowboy* was "wonderful," MacLaine said. "I thought he was going to be cynical, sort of dark-spirited. Instead, she said, he turned out to be "like my favourite aunt — very maternal about everybody, very nurturing."

Under layers of makeup clothing and baubles, MacLaine's frizzy-haired, pensive piano teacher paces her cramped London studio, pounding the floor as she berates and inspires her gifted student, a young Indian prodigy.

MacLaine's Sousatzka proclaims "I teach not only how to play the piano, but how to live" accordingly, she provides lessons in "how to dress, and how to offer a lady your arm." Enamoured of the old ways, she and her debut in Alfred Hitchcock's *The Trouble with Harry*.

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Next year, she will star in a biography of silent film star Louise Brooks, who spent her middle age on skid row before finding her stardom in Hollywood.

Madcap comic Cleese scores a big hit with a fish named Wanda

John Cleese and his gang of thieves rob a London jewellery shop. That's the simple plot. But where does Wanda the goldfish enter the scheme of things? Read on ...

By Alex Molloy

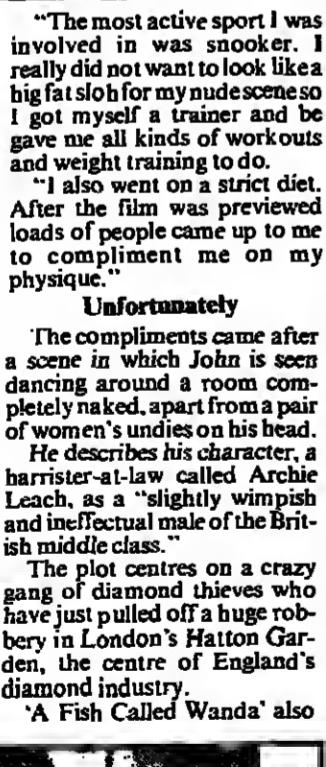
BRITAIN'S own madcap genius, John Cleese, has pulled off that most tricky of movie mixtures — blending a British and American cast into a brand of humour that appeals to both sides of the Atlantic, as well as worldwide.

And with *A Fish Called Wanda*, he is already the toast of Hollywood. It is a smash hit in the United States and in the UK.

As well as starring in the film, John Cleese is an executive producer and also wrote the script.

The 6ft 5in (1.92m) Monty Python and *Fawlty Towers* funnyman also had to shed 15 pounds (6.8 kg) to look trim and sexy for a steamy nude love scene with American actress Jamie Lee Curtis.

He says: "I had got a bit fat and a bit lazy with spending most of my time writing and sitting on my backside."



Jamie Lee Curtis uses her feminine charms on John Cleese. Curtis is the daughter of popular star Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh.

observes the love/hate relationship between the British and Americans and it is that that has made it such a big hit on the other side of the Atlantic.

The last film starring John Cleese to hit America was *Clockwise* and unfortunately, though a big hit in Britain, it bombed in the United States.

Now Cleese has successfully married English and American humour, he says: "To get an audience to laugh out loud is the hardest thing to do. I don't think that there is any question that my friends and I have a tougher, slightly blacker sense

of humour than most people.

"W.C. Fields said you can make the average man laugh by having a man dressed up as an old woman and potter down the street and fall down a man-hole. To make a professional comedian laugh, it really has to be an old woman."

"If I do get into slightly

taboo areas, I get more laughter than I do in safe areas. I think that it has to do with a sense of relief from anxiety."

Lithesome Jamie Lee Curtis,

the daughter of movie veterans

Tony Curtis and Janet Leigh,

is a huge star in her own right.

thanks to roles in *Trading Places* and *Hallowe'en*. As John Cleese's co-star she plays the part of a woman who seduces all the men in the movie ... for money.

She is the seductive American who gets all the men into a frenzy. As Wanda in the film she says: "To reach my place in the sun I use every trick known to a woman, and a few that aren't. I'm mistress of deception and dishonesty. It is not that I am a liar exactly: I'm simply incapable of telling the truth."

Michael Palin, also of Monty Python fame, portrays Ken Piles, a man who keeps goldfish and is strangely fond of one he called Wanda. For the role he had to talk with a stutter and in one scene had to be tied up with french fries stuffed up his nose.

Enjoyed

Then there is Kevin Kline who plays Otto, another member of the gang. As an American he dislikes the English and refers to them as "a bunch of walking dead". He also has a particularly funny scene when he mistakes the London Underground for a political movement.

Even though the cast enjoyed working together, John Cleese claims to hate making movies. "It has all the appeal of hanging around 12 weeks waiting for a plane at London Airport."

"The only way I can find filming enjoyable is to work with people I really like."

One person he really likes is his 16-year-old daughter Cynthia, so she plays his screen daughter in the movie. Recently there was gossip about him being seen around town with a girl young enough to be his daughter. "The ridiculous thing is," he says, "it was my daughter!"

Language

The director is Charles Chrichton, famous for "The Lavender Hill Mob," and the producer is American Michael Shamberg, who produces "The Big Chill".

Cleese says: "When you are dealing with a major American studio you need someone who speaks their language. And it was doubly important in this case because we were making a comedy which owes its humour as much to America as to England. And humour can travel the ocean as badly as a bottle of cheap wine."

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KIFCO and Falcon score easy victories

KIFCO and Falcon reached the finals of the Malhotra Trophy cricket tournament with easy victories over Unity and Bright Stars respectively at the New Ground in Ahmadi earlier this week.

KIFCO won their game to better run-rate while Falcon cruised Bright Stars by 83 runs.

In the first match, KIFCO sent in Arshad and Tariq to face Danny and Dawood. The openers took the score to 50 off only seven overs before Tariq was out for 15, caught by Lucas off Chris.

Arshad was trapped lbw for 35 by Chris, who also took the next wicket of Nasir to have KIFCO struggling at 86 for three in 14 overs.

Shahid kept the scoreboard moving and along with Parvez (14) and Maqsood (15) took KIFCO to 149 for five in 22 overs. The game was still in Unity's grasp as Dawood accounted for Rashid and Rafiq had Aqueel caught by Danny to leave KIFCO struggling at 159 for six.

Shahid kept most of the strike, hitting three sixes and five fours, in his unbeaten innings of 71 to take KIFCO to a respectable 203 for nine in the allotted 29 overs.

Ejaz (23) and Inam, opening for Unity, put 45 runs to seven overs before the former snicked a catch to Nasir off Rashid. Dawood and Inam could not keep up with the run-rate and the scoreboard moved slowly.

Inam was finally out for 33, lbw to Aqueel and Razzak hit only 21 to leave Unity at 122 for three in 21 overs. Dawood was out for 44 after a very slow innings and Unity were 144 for four in 24 overs.

Unity tried to hit their way out of trouble but could only manage 134 for seven in 26 overs before time was called. As KIFCO had scored 164 at the same stage of their innings, they were declared winners on better run-rate. Aqueel and Riffat took three wickets each for KIFCO.

Accounted

In the second match, Falcon were given a good start by Sher Afzal and Sajjad who hit 29 very quick runs before the latter was out for 21. Zahid fell 5000 after the Falcon were in trouble at 41 for two after six overs.

Amin batted well for 35, while Sher Afzal went on to make 41 as Falcon scored 169 for nine in 30 overs. For Bright Stars, Zahid Wayen took four wickets for 26 while Ali got three for 38.

Bright Stars were all out for only 84 runs as they ran into skipper Zahid Butt who accounted for seven of their batsmen for only 22 runs in six overs.

Murali shines as Hempel's beat Al Ahli

FINAL round of the Bahrain Amateur Cricket League tournament for the Combined Cup once again produced vintage cricket this week. Hempel's XI found their true form but left it too late in the tournament to enter into the semifinals.

Hempel's batting first scored 132 for 8 in their 20 overs, with Murali Sreenivasan top scoring with 42, and Farid hitting 21. When Al Ahli batted, Murali came back with some deadly bowling to take 4 wickets off 7 balls which included a hat-trick. Al Ahli finished at 60 all out in 12 overs.

Challengers, who had shared much promise early on in the tournament, lost to Al Nasr, who by virtue of their better average just edged into the semifinals.

Meanwhile in Group A Sheratoos after their first loss last week, bounced back to top form hitting 134 for 6 in 20 overs and cruising into the semifinals.

Murali 43 and Brian Ireland 40 n.o. provided some vintage cricket. In reply, Imperial, who had also equal chances as Sheratoos to enter semifinals, had they won, failed to click and were 74 all out in 14 overs.

Semifinal line-up: Star XI vs MCC and Sheratoos vs Al Nasr on Friday.

Results

Groop A
Sheratoos beat Imperial by 60 runs. Sheratoos 134-6 in 20 overs. (Murali 43, Brian 40 n.o., Rosario 21), Imperial 74 all out in 14 overs. (Rutashoo 14, Nisar 12, Murali 3-4, Brian 2-0).

The team beaten by 1 wicket. Saqr 96 all out in 19.1 overs. (Gerald 23, S.D'Silva 24, Nalin 19, Shesada 3-13) Shingar 101-7 in 19 overs. (Alwin 32, Bharat 20, Razak 20, P.O'Sullivan 14). Pak United beat Brothers by walkover.

Hempel beat Al Ahli by 72 runs. Hempel 132-8 in 20 overs. (Murali 42, Farid 21, Zulfikar 3-23). Al Ahli 60 all out (Amin 11, Murali 4/2, Nixon 2-10).

Al Nasr beat Challengers by 4 wickets. Challengers 71-7 in 20 overs. (Matthew Sajid 22, Jeevan 15, Adam 3-6 Al Nasr 74-4 in 12.3 overs (Hamid 29, Naseem 16, Dilawar 2-10, Jeevan 2-19).

Gujarat beat Century by four wickets. Gujarat 77 all out in 30 overs. (Murali 13, A.P. Sangha 10, Brian 2-19, Murali 12-16). Gujarat 78-6 in 17 overs. (Shantilal 16 n.o., Jayanta 13, Hadi 2-10, Smit 2-14).

INDIA IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF FIRST TEST

Kiwis face difficult task



Ayub (centre) with Vengsarkar (right) and Indian wicketkeeper Kiran More.

BANGALORE, Nov 15. (Reuter): New Zealand face an uphill task over the next two days to avoid defeat in the first cricket Test against India's captain Dilip Vengsarkar. "is turning like hell".

Even if the Kiwis make the 40 runs needed to save the follow-on when play resumes tomorrow, they will hardly be relishing the thought of having to bat last on a deteriorating pitch.

A fourth innings target of 250 could well be a match-winner for India.

Yesterday's performance will not encourage the tourists. They crumpled to 145 for six on the third day to reply to India's first innings total of 384 for nine declared.

Struggled

Against a four-man spin attack led by off-spinner Arshad Ayub, New Zealand struggled even to half the ball off the square and made a day's total of just 136 runs from 104 overs, all but five of them spin.

This was not far behind New Zealand's lowest ever one-day aggregate — 117 runs for four wickets against Sri Lanka at Colombo in five hours 47 minutes.

utes play in March 1984.

But skipper John Wright, who made 22 to move to within 84 runs of Bev Congdon's New Zealand record Test aggregate of 3,448, was adamant that his side could still come out with a draw.

"Doo'nt think we've put all this hard work in on the first three days to go and throw it away on the last two," he said.

"But it's that type of wicket where things can happen very quickly. It's taking a lot of turn and is variable to bounce. The guys are coping with the turn in their own way, but the wicket is playing, I think, how it was prepared to play."

New Zealand are pinning much of their hopes on the seventh wicket pair of Richard Hadlee and John Bracewell, both Test centurions. Hadlee has one run to his name and Bracewell is three not out.

Ian Smith, due in next, has also scored a Test hundred and number 10 Chris Gungee has a first-class hundred to his credit.

But their main objective tomorrow morning will be survival, with New Zealand hoping to bat until at least lunchtime to have a realistic chance of avoiding defeat.



Hatemmore (centre), Berry (right) and Al Fahid on the victory podium after receiving their prizes.

Hatemmore wins Laser title

MIKE HATTEMORE from Manaf triumphed in the KMMC sponsored first Open Laser Championship held off Messilah this week. Convincing victories in the first two races meant he was to sit out the third and final race knowing his score was unbeatable.

However, close and exciting sailing went on for the lower placings, with Patrick Berry from Fahabed pipping Salem Al Fahid from the Kuwait Sea Scouts for second place. Dave Clark from Kuwait City carried off the Novice's Prize after some hard sailing over both days.

Eighteen boats entered the competition; by far the biggest Laser fleet ever assembled in Kuwait. For all the sailors it proved to be a strength-sapping weekend owing to the strong winds and heavy seas, with the attendant spectacular capsizes and gear failure.

The opening race was fought out in Force 5 south-easterly. Most, if not all, entrants went for uneventful swims at least twice. The conditions were testing in the extreme and only twelve boats managed to complete the course, with Abdul Rahmao Al Owaish showing commendable determination in finishing long after most other competitors had dropped, sailed over and changed.

The Bills, who intercepted Dan Marino three times, scored on their first possession of the game. They led 10-6 at half-time and, relying mainly on a defence led by Bruce Smith, Cornelius Bennett and Art Siell had Miami to just 33 yards rushing. The Bills handed the Dolphins their worst since 1970.

Then they put the game away with two touchdowns 2-1/2 minutes apart in the third quarter.

Aided

The first score, with 5:33 left in the period, came on Riddick's 1-yard plunge at the end of an 80-yard drive aided by two Miami penalties. The second was a 6-yard run by Harmoo set up by Bennett's interception and 30-yard return of a Marino pass to Miami's first play after the kickoff.

Riddick added his second touchdown 3:16 into the second quarter following a nine-play, 54-yard drive set up by free safety Mark Kelso's interception and 25-yard return.

The Bills' 10-1 record represents their first start since 1964 and the six-game winning streak is their longest since 1974. They lead 8-3 Cincinnati by two games in the race for the home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs.

Miami, meanwhile, fell to 5-6, leaving it behind 6-5 teams and the 5-5-1 New York Jets in the bid for an AFC wild-card spot.

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Dave Haines	34	71	45
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Tareq Al Wazzan

Rashed, and will instead be partnered by Shakir Muhammed on Friday.

Instead, driver technique, and pace notes will be of vital importance, as there are many 90 degree turns and hairpins to be negotiated, and a mud splash, where cars may possibly become trapped, particularly if we have more rain before Friday.

The cars expected to do best are Ahmed Al Helai's Toyota Corolla, Eid Falah's Range Rover, and Tareq Al Wazzan's Group 4 Toyota Celica, which he has brought back from Dubai especially for this event.

Helai is an experienced and consistent driver, and his Toyota Corolla is one of the best cars currently rallying in Kuwait, despite losing a little in terms of horsepower to some of the other vehicles. He will be driving in this rally without his usual navigator Fahad Al

owing a broken gearbox in the final rally of last season, he sent it to Dubai for rebuilding and repair. This season, despite a series of sometimes absurd mechanical problems with his Range Rover, he stayed in the four-wheel drive car, but was so unhappy with its performance in the jeep rally, that he sent it back to the AAA garage in Dubai for preparation before his next international event, the Duhai International rally, to be held on Dec 1 and 2.

"Of course we are competitors, but we are competitors on the rally stages only," said Wazzan. "It is possible to drive against one another, but still cooperate as friends. This is a sport, and we should remember that."

Wazzan made his comeback to rallying in the Toyota Celica and won his first event; however, following

twisty sections, and it is very strong — in fact it was held for stages like the first one. However, in the 4x4 I had to drive flat out from the start because I knew that otherwise I did not have enough power to move ahead. This time the power of the Toyota gives me some leeway. I don't expect to make any big jumps for example. Again, I may lose a little time to Eid Falah's Range Rover in the water, and on the jump, but I will take it back elsewhere. This car gives me more scope."

Imran to lead Pakistan in Australia

ISLAMABAD, Nov 15. (Reuter) The inspirational Imran Khan was named today to captain Pakistan on the tour of Australia and New Zealand — one day after cricket authorities had appointed Javed Miandad to the post.

Selector Intikhab Alam told reporters in Lahore that star batsman Miandad, made captain yesterday for the tour beginning on December 1, had stepped down in favour of senior all-rounder Imran, the official APP news agency said.

It was the second time this year Miandad had vacated the captaincy in favour of Imran. On the first occasion Imran came out of retirement after appeals from authorities and fans to lead the side in the West Indies.

Series

Miandad led the team in the recent series against Australia after Imran, 36, skipped the home series saying the weather was too hot for cricket. By leading the side in New Zealand, Imran will have led Pakistan against all the Test-playing countries.

"It is my desire that Imran, whenever he gives up playing cricket, should bow out as the captain," said Miandad, who will be Imran's vice-captain.

Alam said the Pakistani team for the tour would be named on Thursday after Imran had approved the list.

The tour of Australia runs from December 1 to January 18 and of New Zealand from January 20 to March 16.

SPORTS BRIEFS

UAE golf

DUBAI, Nov 15. (AP) Australians Karen Lunn and Corrine Dihnah took the opening of the Toyota Cressida Ladies Challenge Series over the Middle East's first all-grass championship golf course today.

The pair picked up the winner-take-all check of \$1,000 (\$1,800) in the four-ball betterball event after tying the British duo of Debbie Dowling and Penny Grice-Whittaker with five-under-par 69's in windy conditions at the Emirates Golf Club in Dubai.

Lunn (22) and Dihnah (26) won the event by matching cards. Another British team, Trish Johnson and Jane Connachan, took third place with 70.

Top players

NEW YORK, Nov 15. (Reuter) Swedes Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg are among five top tennis players nominated for Player of the Year, the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) announced yesterday.

Record profit

LONDON, Nov 15. (Reuter) The 1988 Wimbledon tennis championships made a record profit of £7.67 million, the All England Club announced today.

Golf test

POR DOUGLAS, Australia, Nov 15. (Reuter) The inaugural golf test between Australia and Britain, due to start on Friday, was saved this week when Scotland's Sandy Lyle backed down on plans to boycott it.

SHRIVER OVERCOMES HANIKA

Graf slams Kohde-Kilsch in opener

NEW YORK, Nov 15. (UPI) Defending champion Steffi Graf, although rusty from a short vacation, stretched her winning streak to 45 matches last night with a three-set victory over West German compatriot Claudia Kohde-Kilsch in the opening round of the \$1 million Virginia Slims Championship.

Graf, dropping only her 11th set in 73 matches this year, overcame Kohde-Kilsch, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, thereby stretching her 1988 record to 71-2. The 19-year-old West German has not lost since April.

Break

In the first match of the evening, fifth seed Pam Shriver used single service break in each set to defeat West German Sylvia Hanika, 6-3, 6-4.

Graf, playing her second tournament since winning the Olympic gold at Seoul more than a month ago, breezed through the opening set and jumped to a 4-2 lead in the second. But Kohde-Kilsch swept the next four games to even the match.

The 26-year-old American never was threatened on her

serve during the first set. She swept the first seven points and allowed Hanika a total of five points on five service games.

Hanika had several chances to break through in the second set, but was unable to convert one break point in the second game and three more in the fourth. The fourth game went to deuce five times before Hanika was long with a forehand, allowing Shriver to hold.

Shriver made the decisive break in the seventh game with a backhand crosscourt service return, and served out the match.

Ranked

Shriver described her game as "medium towards good only because at the right times I played some pretty good tennis."

This was the eighth victory for Shriver in 11 career meetings against Hanika, ranked No. 16 in the world.

Second seed Martina Navratilova was to play her first match this evening against Stephanie Rehe and No. 3 Chris Evert makes her debut tomorrow night against Barbara Potter.



Graf: stretches winning streak to 45 matches

Three newcomers in England side

RIYADH, Nov 15. (Reuter) Three newcomers have been drafted into an apprehensive England team for tomorrow's soccer friendly against Saudi Arabia.

Defender Mel Sterland, midfielder Michael Thomas and goalkeeper David Seaman were named in the line-up to face the England squad fear are still influenced by Oman, Borras, in charge of Uruguay's savagely physical 1986 World Cup team.

England manager Bobby Robson does not expect the Saudis, now guided by Brazilian Carlos Alberto Perreira, to be rough but he was not prepared to take the chance and insisted the match was controlled by a

neutral referee. "Somebody who is not afraid of the crowd," he said. His wish has been granted and all three officials come from Bahrain.

Sterland becomes Sheffield Wednesday's first England cap for 22 years, while Thomas, who has shot to prominence in Arsenal's English championship-challenging side, is joined by team-mates Tony Adams and David Rocastle.

Third ranked goalkeeper Seaman of Queen's Park Rangers makes a long-awaited breakthrough.

Middlesbrough's Gary Pallister and David Rocastle will be making only their second international appearances but Robson

is anxious for a good showing ahead of England's next World Cup qualifier in Albania in March, will be delighted if they can repeat their debut performances. Rocastle oozed confidence in the 1-0 friendly win over Denmark in September while Pallister gave a sterling exhibition in the 0-0 draw in Hungary last April.

England will again rely heavily on the experience of captain Bryan Robson, and Gary Lineker, Chris Waddle and Peter Beardsley, who promised much but failed to deliver in last month's opening goalless World Cup qualifier against Sweden.

It will be the third game this week for the Saudis who are

preparing for the Asian Cup next month. They beat Malaysia 6-0 and drew 0-0 with Egypt.

Certain of a place is Majid Abdullah, who scored three goals against Malta.

Probable teams:

Saudi Arabia — Abdullah Du'aya, Saleh Al Nuaima, Ahmed Jamil, Mohammed Abd Jawad, Abdulla Salih, Saleh Al Mutlaq, Fahd Al Musaihib, Muhsain Al Jamaan, Mohammed Al Suwaiyid, Majid Abdullah, Yusif Al Thunayan.

England — Seaman, Sterland, Adams, Pallister, Pearce, Thomas, Robson, Rocastle, Beardsley, Lineker, Waddle.

FA to probe Anderson book

LONDON, Nov 15. (Reuter) England fullback Viv Anderson, already the focus of adverse publicity over a violent incident after a Cup match, could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute through remarks in a newly published biography.

The English Football Association (F.A.) will discuss extracts of the book which have been referred to its disciplinary committee when the full council meets next Monday.

In the book, the Manchester United player says cheating is 'part and parcel' of the game and writes: "If someone is through and likely to score, I will definitely up-end him. I would do that without thinking. I'd commit a professional foul, if need be."

Injury-hit Belgium face uphill task

PRAGUE, Nov 15. (Reuter) Injury-plagued Belgium face an uphill struggle with an untried lineup against a problem-free Czechoslovak squad in their World Cup European Group Seven qualifying match tomorrow.

Belgian coach Guy Thys, having revamped his side following injuries to four key players, mid-fielder Jan Ceulemans, sweeper Leo Clusters, defender Bruno Versavel and striker Francis Severeyns, faces the prospect of losing a fifth, mid-fielder Marc Emmer.

Emmers, who plays for Cup Winners' Cup holders Mechelen, was still hampered by a thigh injury during an extra training session yesterday and is doubtful.

Choice

Anderlecht striker Luc Nilis could lose his place to newcomer Hans Christiaens. "Christiaens is faster, but Nilis is better at shielding the ball. It will be a choice between those two qualities," Thys said.

Despite his problem, Thys said he would not change his tactics and would most probably field five defenders and two defensive midfielders, with Bordeaux's Ezio Scifo in a free role in midfield.

Czechoslovakia, with the luxury of a three-week break from League matches to prepare the national squad, have no injury problems ahead of their second qualifying match. Both teams have one win to their credit.

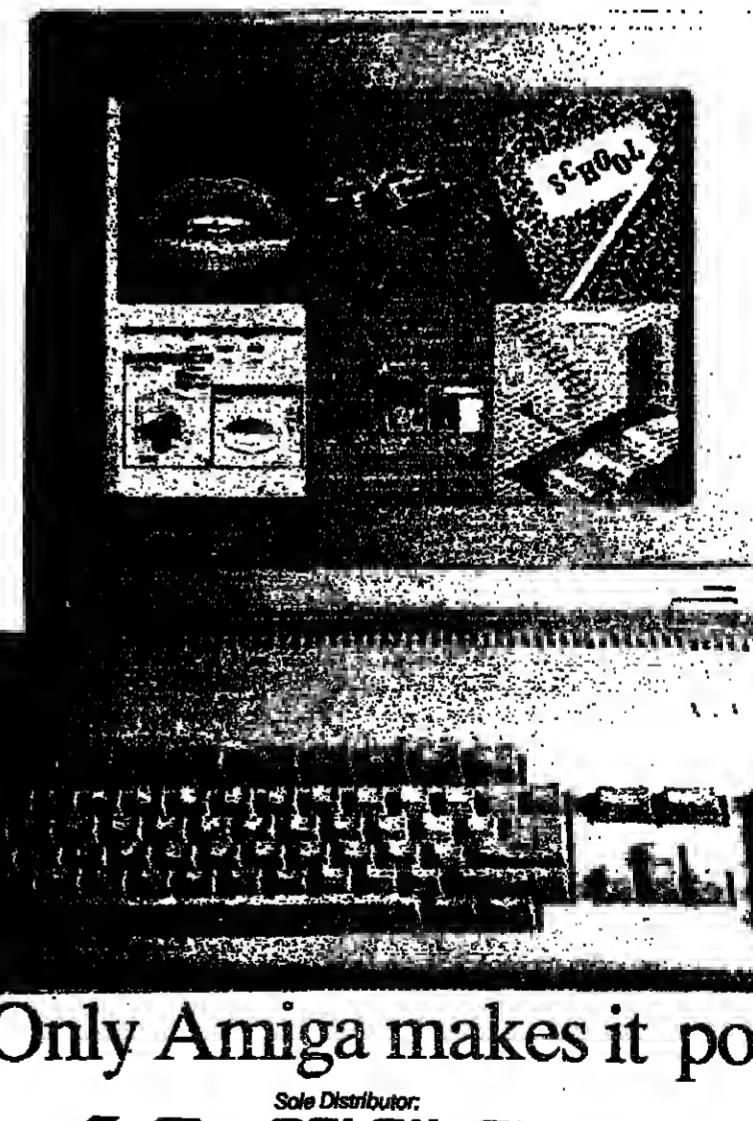
In Seville, Spain, erratically gifted Spain face a tough test tomorrow as they begin their World Cup soccer campaign with a qualifying match against Ireland, the dark horses of the recent European Championships.

"Only a good performance and victory by lots of goals will win back the hearts of the fans," said national coach Julio Cernadas "Juca", recalling the better memories of the 1986 finals.

Portugal crashed out of the Mexico tournament in disgrace, their early exit marked by national uproar over the players' threat to strike for more money only hours before a key match.

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Stage set for Kuwait powerboat race



Action shots from last month's 3rd Kuwait Bi-annual Offshore Powerboat Race organised by the Arab Times/Seyassah.

By Gail Seery

THE Kuwait local powerboat race is to be held tomorrow. The race will start from in front of the Sha'ab slipway, and the competitors will have to cover a 70 nautical mile course.

The main problem is likely to be the weather, and organiser Hossam Al Sayafee concedes that if the sea is very rough the race will have to be cancelled. Moderately rough

sea will put the light boats at a disadvantage, as stability, usually a feature of the larger boats, will become crucial.

The boats will be checked by the boat registration department before the race at the slipway from 9 am tomorrow morning. This is a good opportunity to see the racers and their boats as they prepare to take to sea.

Turn

The course will take the racers down along the coast to the Gazelle Club, a distance of

over 15 nautical miles. From there they will turn towards Failaka for a further distance of 11.5 miles. The next turn will take them back in towards Kuwait Towers for 6.5 miles, and then they will head right back down to the Gazelle Club before dashing back to Sha'ab for the finish.

The prizes will be awarded at the slipway as soon as the race finishes.

The race is being held primarily because many of the racers from last month's the

